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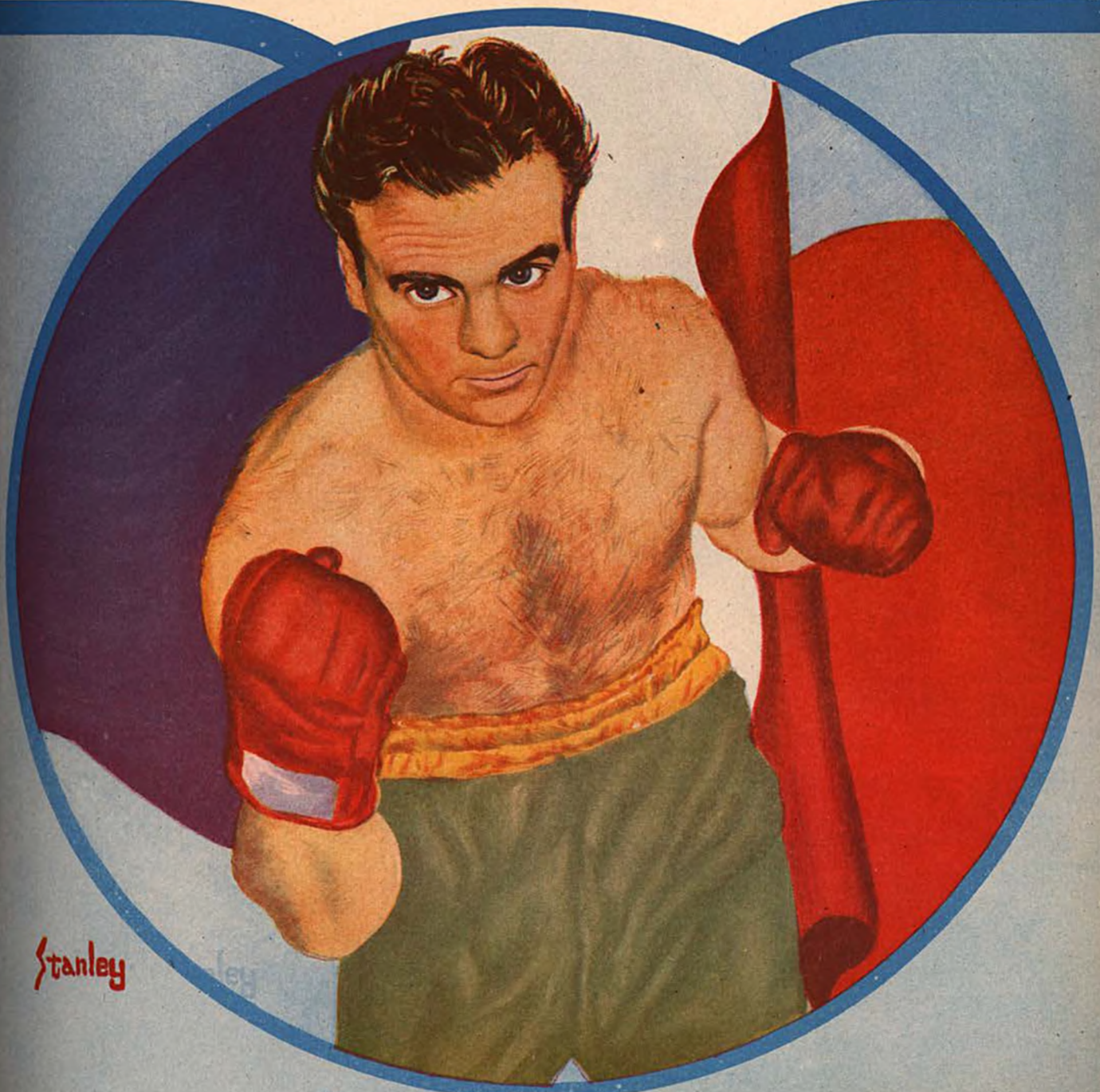

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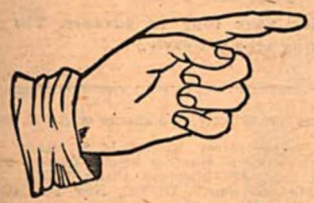

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Joe Louis' tour is ended. A resume of his activities in Latin America compared to the tours of other fistic greats, will enlighten you on the present heavyweight's drawing power in countries "South of the Border."

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Lieut.-Col. Eddie Eagan, chairman of the New York Commission, makes known his decision to a crowded room in Graziano "fix" case. Rocky, sitting between Attorney Rosenbloom (left) and his manager of record, Irving Cohen, shuts his eyes as he listens to the verdict, that temporarily, at least, suspended his boxing career.

Had No Option in Graziano Verdict

New York Commission Deserves NBA and Other Support in Its Decision — Now for New York Housecleaning

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

NO case in the history of the jurisprudence of the American ring has drawn the attention given to the hearing in which the New York Commission—Chairman Eddie Eagan and C. B. Powell—developed enough evidence to revoke the license of Rocky Graziano, contender for the middleweight championship.

As a consequence of this ruling, Graziano will not be able to go through with his projected indoor match with champion Tony Zale. The Rock will not be able to fight Zale outdoors in a New York ball park. Just when Rocky will be reinstated, if ever, is a matter which the New York Commission itself conceivably has not considered.

The facts of the case, as brought out in hearings conducted by District Attorney Frank Hogan, and again in the investigation held by the Commission, with Graziano testifying, were these:

Graziano admitted that he had been offered a bribe to throw his May 14 fight with Bummy Davis. The Rock won that fight with a knockout in the fourth round. He admitted that he was receptive to this offer, because, "I was a poor fellow then, things were different."

Graziano admitted that he had been approached by the same persons, names not known or divulged, to throw his match with Ruben Shank recently. This was not contested, as Graziano pleaded a sacroiliac involvement, and this plea was supported by Dr. Sym Newman, official doctor of the Commission.

Rule 64 of the New York Commission stipulates that when, and if, a boxer holding a license from that body is approached by bribers, he must report the attempt to the commission.

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SINCE Graziano had admitted the attempted bribes, and since he had not reported the offers, there was nothing the New York Commission could do, but revoke the Rock's license.

It was not up to the New York body to weigh the extent to which either bribe attempt might have been a joke.

Graziano pleaded that he had not turned in the crooks because he had regarded the offers as ridiculous.

True, an effort to get Graziano to dive for a poor fighter like Shank would have been silly. But a fake against Davis in May 1945 could have been covered up. That offer could not be regarded as a joke!

Perhaps Graziano, who is no mental giant, did think the offers to be silly.

Perhaps the revocation of his license leaves the middleweight something of a martyr.

However, there was no option for the New York Commission. And there is this to be said for the decision—every boxer holding a New York

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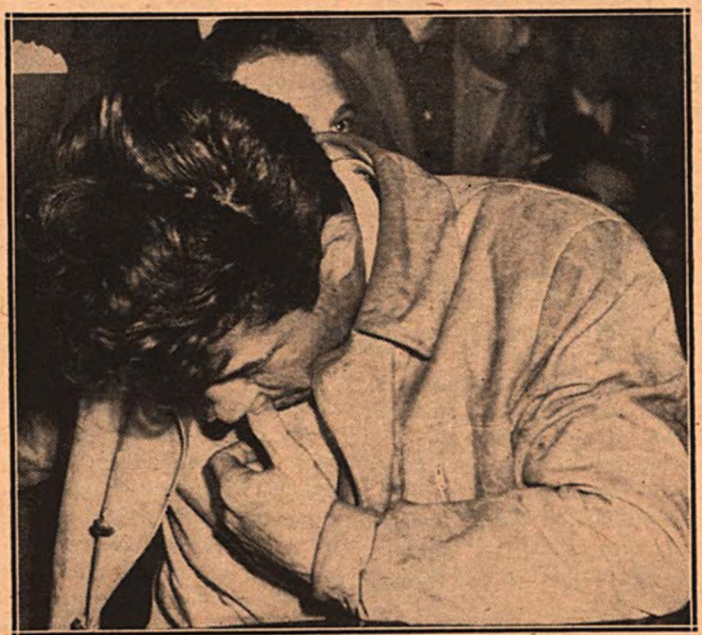


Stunned by the decision of the New York State Commission which revoked his license, Rocky Graziano bows his head at counsel's table.

CERDAN'S VISIT RECALLS OTHER FOREIGN STARS

Many Stellar Performers Made a Hit in This Country Following the First World War

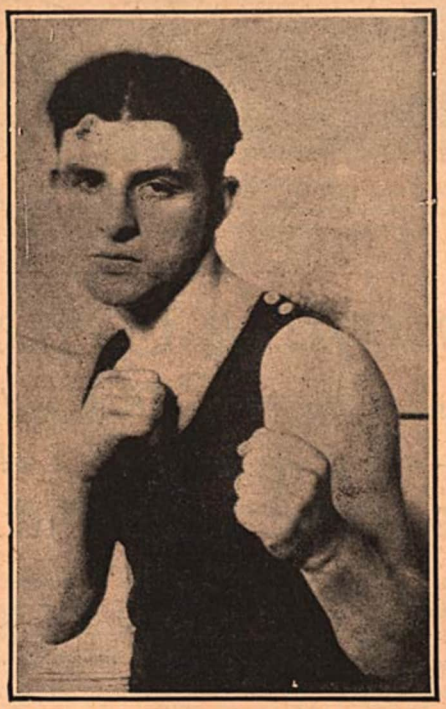
By TED CARROLL

WHEN Marcel Cerdan arrived on these shores some months ago the most highly touted foreign boxer to visit the States in years, many American fight fans and writers expressed skepticism about the French Moroccan's ability. For a long time the United States public and press have cast a suspicious eye upon mittmen from overseas and have come to expect the worse of foreign pugilists.

Because some of the visitors from other lands have not exactly been world beaters after barging in upon a wave of ballyhoo, boxing crowds in the states have adopted a "you gotta show me" attitude. Strangely enough, recourse to the records shows that European fighters have done much better than fair against the best of American mittmen right here in the states in the last 25 years or more.

Cerdan, for example, more than lived up to advance notices by turning in a performance which Hollywood would have termed both colossal and stupendous.

New Yorkers left Madison Square Garden raving about the dark-haired Moroccan's sharp punching, his fighting flame, and colorful, exciting style of scrapping. Against Georgie Abrams, a veteran of ability, the ex-sailor convinced the gloomiest doubters that the glowing reports which had preceded him here, weren't exaggerated.



Jackie Kid Berg, one of the best of the British fighters, who thrilled American fans in lightweight and welterweight bouts.

Although Americans don't seem able to get out of their minds Phil Scott and others who proved collapsible, Cerdan is only one of many European champions who have made good over here from the start.

Cerdan, although a native of Morocco, is of French nationality and a product of French boxing rings. France has sent some good men over here in the past. First, and in the opinion of French boxing authority, the late Bertys Perry, the best of the French fighters to come over here was Charles Ledoux. Ledoux first visited America in 1912 and proved sufficiently capable to make things very interesting for Kid Williams, one of the best bantams of all time, in a bout in Philadelphia. He further demonstrated his ability against clever Eddie Campi in California and in 1913 fought Williams for the bantamweight title, being stopped in 15 rounds after giving a good account of himself.

Returning to America in 1920, Ledoux thrilled Americans with bang-up performances against men who at one time or another held the world's bantamweight championship, Joe Lynch, Johnny Buff and Pete Herman, all outstanding men of the era. He also engaged first class fighters Joe Burman, Jack Sharkey and Danny Kramer in nip-and-tuck slugfests.

Ledoux was a busy, game, willing mixer who always gave the fans a run for their marbles. No apologies need be made for him, the first French boxer of any repute to invade America, and a worthy trail-blazer for others to follow.

PROBABLY no fighter ever enjoyed any more success over here than did Jack Kid Berg, the old Whitechapel Whirlwind. Berg, a nonstop fighter who continually forced the issue, was a dead game boxer who defeated the best the United States had to offer back in the early thirties.

The English Hebrew was a sensation from the start with three sensational victories over Bruce Flowers, a ranking lightweight of the time. He handed Kid Chocolate his first defeat and then gave Tony Canzoneri a thorough going over in Madison Square Garden, and trounced the formidable Billy Petrolle. This, alone, should have been enough to redeem English mittmen in the eyes of Americans but Berg breezed right along winning the world's junior welterweight title, highly regarded at the time, from Uncle Sam's Mushy Callahan.

He was kayoed by Canzoneri in his bid for the lightweight crown but had already accomplished enough to prove himself one of the best 140-pounders of the past two decades.

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NO resume of foreign fighters' achievements in the states would be complete without mention of Max Schmeling. Although the German won the heavyweight championship on the canvas crying "Foul," he must go down in history as the only professional to defeat the great Joe Louis. But the next time they clashed, Max was out in less than three minutes of fighting.

Schmeling turned in other good performances in America. He was a good heavyweight the night he belabored tough Paolino and he was always a dangerous puncher. Probably his best showing on this side occurred in Cleveland, Ohio, when he stopped Young Stribling in 2:46 of the 15th round in defense of his heavyweight crown. Max showed to advantage stopping rugged Johnny Risko and was too big for Mickey Walker. To give Schmeling his due, he was a capable fighter, who, ability alone considered, added prestige to European boxing.

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BRITISHER Freddie Welsh was a defensive wizard. For cleverness there have been few lightweights in long campaigns in American rings his equal. Ted Kid Lewis did much to establish foreigners as fighters of merit in our country. Winner of the world's welterweight title, the Englishman is best remembered for his marathon series with Jack Britton, whom he engaged no less than 21 times in cities and hamlets throughout the nation.

Lewis was by far the best all around fighter to invade the country. He could adjust his style as occasion demanded. He could do a job of clever boxing that made him seem like a ghost in the ring. Realizing that American audiences like action, in many of his U. S. appearances Lewis turned slugger for the moment and few

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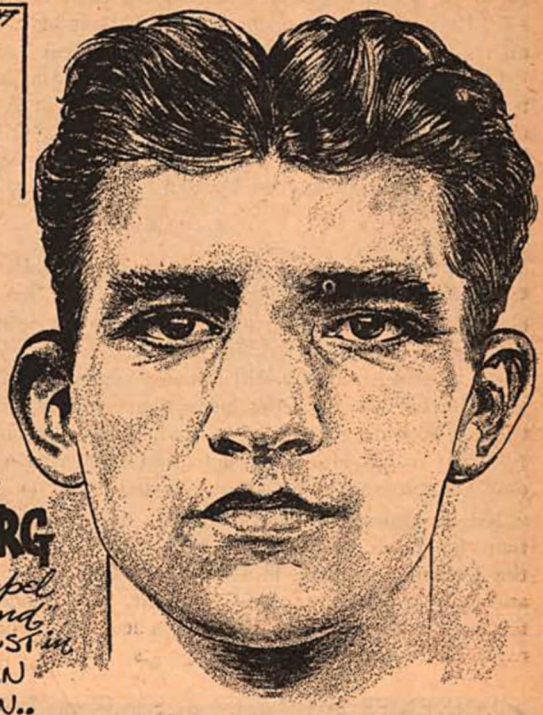

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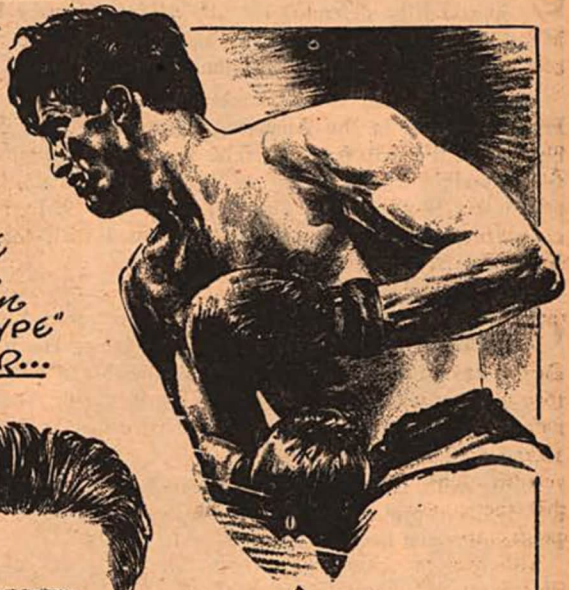

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could do a better job of slam-banging than he. When the mood seized him, he could punch with the best at his weight. Added to all this, he was thoroughly courageous, rugged and durable.

Outside of the Britton series in which he won and lost the welterweight championship, his many showings in America included no decision contests with Benny Leonard, Mike O'Dowd and Mike Gibbons. In all other of his contests over here, he acquitted himself well although kayoed by Britton in the finale of their long ring feud.

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MOST publicized and most controversial of all European invaders, was Primo Carnera. The less said about the contest in which he won the world's heavyweight championship, the better. His career on this side of the water bordered on the fantastic and his ability still remains somewhat of a mystery.

While he was far from being a great heavyweight champion, there is considerable evidence, that, divorced from the manipulation that makes him so hard to figure, he was a boxer of some ability for a man of his great size and bulk.

No. 1 witness for this argument turns out to be none other than Joe Louis himself, who took all of seven rounds to flatten the Italian giant back in 1935. According to Joe, keen observer and wily appraiser of fighting merit, "He handles himself well for such a big man and didn't do a bad job of boxing at all the night he fought me."

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CARNERA'S best showing over here was possibly the match in which he defended his title against Tommy Loughran in Miami. According to some observers, Primo at times actually outboxed the Philly Phantom in winning the decision.

Another rebuttal to the contention that foreign fighters are hams, is found in the American career of Andre Routis. This busy little French featherweight beat Tony Canzoneri for the featherweight championship on September 28, 1928, in 15 rounds then lost a 10-rounder to Tony on May 10, 1929. Later he lost his crown to Bat Battalino. Andre performed with color and dash in the U. S. bouts.

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GOING back a generation or so, there was the great Jem Driscoll, whose equal as a skillful boxer has not been seen since in his division. The wonderful Welshman astounded all in this country when he handed a boxing lesson to Abe Attell, considered the last word in boxing cleverness way back on February 19, 1909, in New York City.

Along with Driscoll, Owen Moran, English featherweight, left a long list of praiseworthy performances in his wake in his American campaigns before World War I.

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FROM Spain, Paolino Uzcudun gave American fans no cause to complain over his efforts here as he never failed to give a good account of himself as he moved into the front ranks of heavyweight contenders of the late twenties and early thirties.

He met all the best Americans of the time; gave them all trouble, and was certainly no black eye to European boxing. Probably his best effort was a losing one in which the decision went against him, his battle with George Godfrey on February 28, 1928, in Los Angeles, when he lost the decision in 10 rounds.

In those days the heavyweight leaders fled from big George as though he were ol' Nick himself. Not so Paolino, who got in there with the Dark Menace of the era and battled toe-to-toe with him though he was outweighed 30 pounds. He was shaded by his opponent.

Hilario Martinez, Spanish stablemate of Paolino, was another for whom no apologies are necessary. Martinez, a tall handsome fellow who started out as a bullfighter in his native Spain, was a sparkling performer who made some scintillating showings over here. He hit his peak when he handed speedy Sid Terris one of his rare defeats on September 29, 1927, but the breaks thereafter went against Handsome Hilario and he eventually left for South America.

TOMMY FARR, the tough nut from Tonypandy, Wales, was as durable as some of his British predecessors over here had been fragile. Had tough Thomas possessed just a touch of the skill of Scott, the class of Bombardier Billy Wells, or the punch of Beckett, he would have been a wonder. Still no one on this side ever complained about Farr's showings over here. His feat of going the distance with Louis was more than enough to give him a better than average rating.

Lou Burston, who is the American representative for the Cerdan outfit, handled a middleweight every bit as good as the Frenchman in Rene De Vos, rugged ringwise Belgian. De Vos was one of the best 160-pounders of the past 20 years. He was a fighter of championship calibre, as proven in outstanding victories over good men like Dave Shade, George Courtney, Phil Kaplan and Babe McCorgary. Only a disputed loss to clawing Ace Hudkins kept him from the title. Few better foreigners at any weight ever landed over here.

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SINCE World War I, many outstanding performances in America aside from those previously discussed, have taken place. English and continental boxers have been kept busy in this country.

The French-Italian bantamweight, Kid Francis, fought for the world's title over here. Though he found tall Al Brown's abnormal height and reach too much for him to overcome back in 1928, Francis made a favorable impression.

The Italian, Cleto Locatelli, looked the part of a real good fighter, which he was, in three close battles with Tony Canzoneri in New York back in 1933 and 1934.

Aldo Spoldi went ten sizzling rounds with Henry Armstrong back in the days when that was something to brag about, and in his other start over here he proved to be a boxer of ability.

Ernie Jarvis, Teddy Baldock and Nel Tarleton, 20 years or so ago, proved worthy representatives of British boxing in America when they appeared over here.

The yellow-haired Norwegian, Pete Sanstol, turned out to be an idol over here. A flashy, colorful kid, his style caught on from the outset. He fought his way into the front ranks of America's bantamweights in the early thirties.

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IGNACIO ARA of Spain, proved to be a capable middleweight. The Venturi brothers of Italy, Vittorio and Enrico, always gave American fans their money's worth. Particularly Enrico, who, had he been of a less temperamental nature, might have wound up a world's champion lightweight.

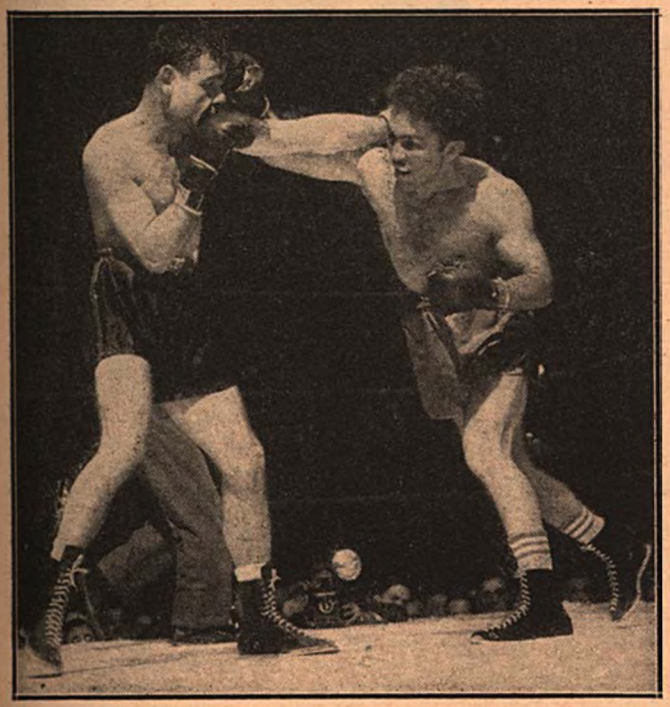
Far from a great fighter but the possessor of one of the hardest right hand wallops ever wielded by any big fellow, Salvatore Ruggirello lost often in the U. S., but more than atoned for his frequent setbacks by thunderous one-round knockouts of Stanley Poreda and Big Walter Cobb, heavyweight hopes of 15 years or so ago. A Tripoli born Italian, Ruggirello was really a man with a punch.

Paul Damski's Walter Neusel, was anything but a setup in his American campaign. The blond Teuton won decisions over Tommy Loughran, big Ray Impellitiere and King Levinsky over here.

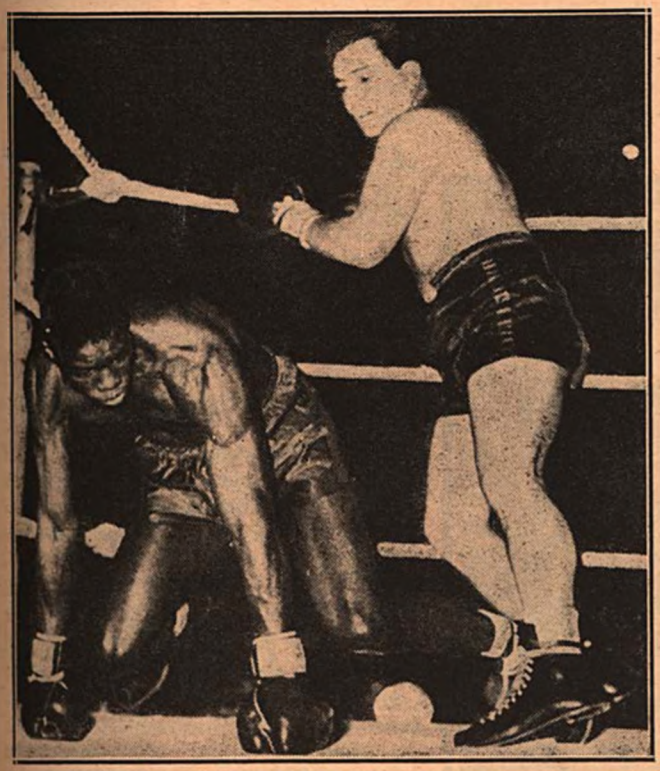
Gustave Eder impressed U. S. fans as a dangerous punching welterweight in his American visit. The German, now a middleweight, was recognized as a formidable title threat by Americans.

Although an old man fistically when he got here, Lucien Vinez of France, was the last word in the art of self defense. The tall, pale, slightly stooped Frenchman, who looked like a school teacher, was as hard to hit as any boxer of the past 25 years. Most glamorous of all boxers and still the fistic hero of continental Europe, magnetic Georges Carpentier set no rivers afire over here but still figured in boxing's first million dollar gate. Carpentier's trouble was that in his famous match with Jack Dempsey for the heavyweight crown, the Orchid Man, a heavy middleweight at most, was greatly over-matched in both weight and power. Fighting men from England and the continent have nothing to be ashamed of as far as their American efforts go.

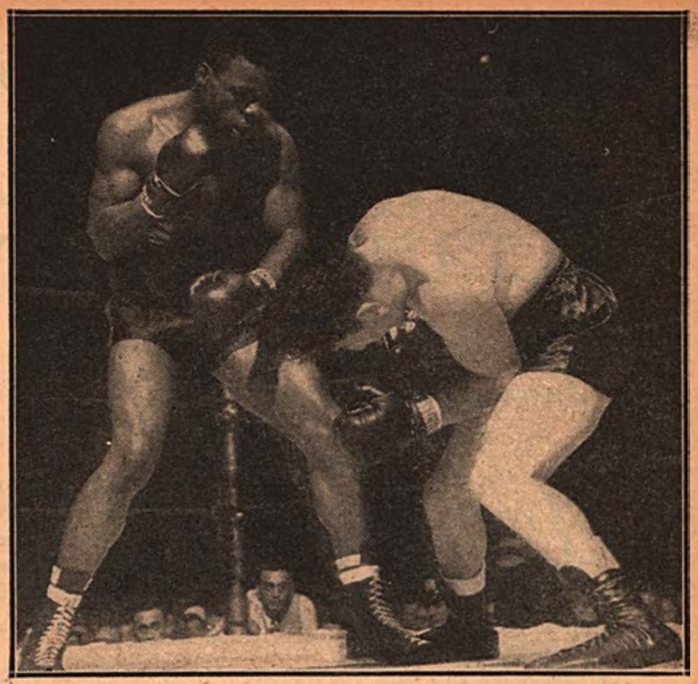
Recent Bouts *that* Attracted Attention



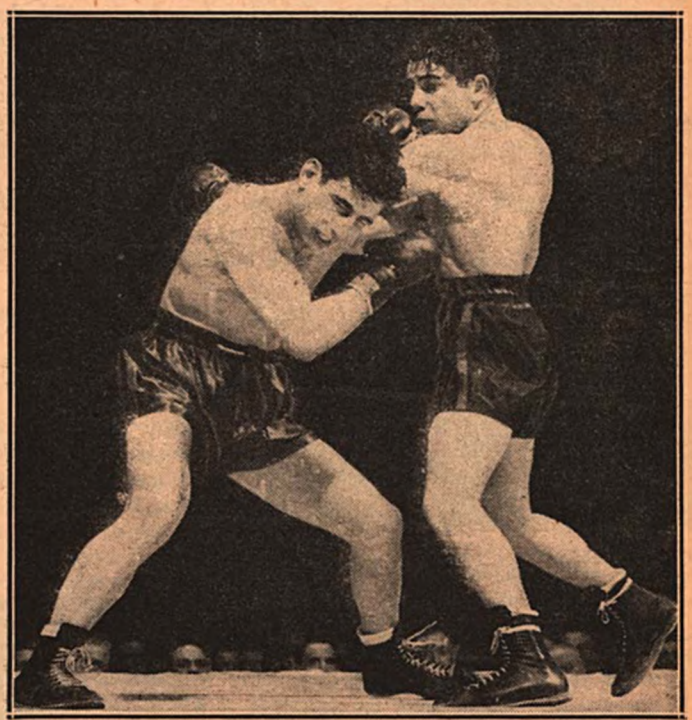
Julio Jiminez (right) of Mexico lands a right to the head of Roman Alvarez of Brooklyn in their ten-round battle in Madison Square Garden, which the Mexican won.



James (Shamus) O'Brien didn't last long in his fight with Tami Mauriello in Chicago. A few punches and "Shamus" was on his way out, while the spectators greeted him with the Bronx cheer.



Bee Bee Washington (left) misses a left swing as Joe Curcio, middleweight, ducks low in their bout in New York. Curcio won the decision.



Tony Pellone of New York (left) ducks and winces as Tony Janiro of Youngstown, O., rolls a left off his shoulder after connecting with a right in their Garden mill, which Janiro won.

Eddie Miller takes the final count after two previous knockdowns in his fight for the Australian lightweight title with Vic Patrick.

Joe Louis Goes Aloft *on a* Lucrative Tour

Heavyweight champion will spend 120 hours flying more than 21,000 miles through South America and stands to collect $250,000.

By THE SPORTSMAN

AS THIS issue of THE RING Magazine goes to press, Joe Louis is making his Grand Tour, which started in Mexico City on February 7. The schedule which Billy McCarney drew up for the Bomber called for appearances in San Salvador, Panama, Lima, Santiago, Chile, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, Trinidad, Caracas and finally Havana.

McCarney planned to have Joe's showing in Cuba synchronize with the appearance of the Yankees and the Dodgers in a baseball series in Havana.

As the heavyweight champion of the world, minus a fit opponent, went off to recoup his wartime losses in income with the extended trip, McCarney said that it appeared certain Joe would collect around $250,000.

A lot of things to do, and a lot of ground to be covered when you figure that Louis got that much for a few rounds. But that's how the situation stands, with no impressive candidate for a match on the horizon.

McCarney said that he was asked for dates well into April. But he was told by the Twentieth Century S. C. in New York to have Louis back in that city before March 15, which, as you know, is income tax filing day.

"Times have changed, haven't they?" McCarney laughed as Joe went winging toward Mexico.

"Before Louis finishes this tour he will have flown 21,566 miles. He will have been in the air more than 120 hours.

"Do you recollect the furore that arose when Gene Tunney flew from New York to Philadelphia for his first fight with Jack Dempsey? Why, back there in September, 1926, a man who flew those 90 miles was called intrepid, regarded as a hero!

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"THE experts wrote that Tunney had demonstrated his fearlessness, and his nonchalance, by flying to the battle ground. Well, Louis will fly some 240 times the distance Tunney went to meet Dempsey," McCarney continued.

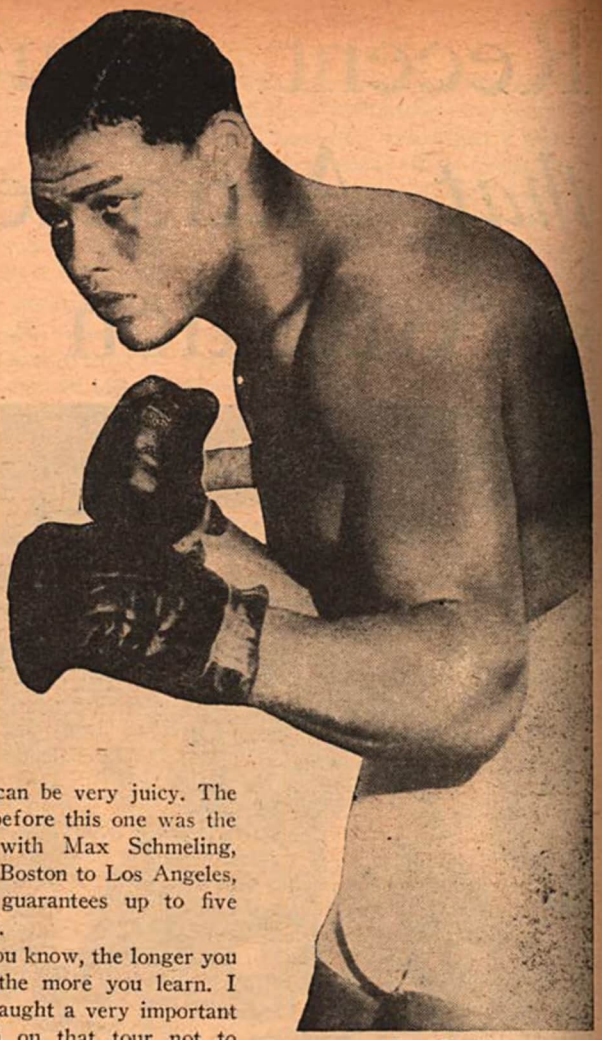
"The idea to have Louis go on this tour developed from his tremendous success in Hawaii. Twenty-three cities applied for dates.

"We set up a scale of rates of from $10,000 to $15,000 as guarantees, with the option of 50 percent of the gross. I believe Louis will exercise that option at every stop.

"Lima, in Peru, sends word that it will gross sixty grand, for sure. Joe will meet two men, three rounds each, and there will be a public holiday.

"Remember this. All guarantees have been posted in banks, and they are in American dollars. So there is nothing left to chance, nothing haphazard. Where will they get those American dollars? That's their lookout.

"I have made a lot of these tours, and they can be very juicy. The best before this one was the first with Max Schmeling, from Boston to Los Angeles, with guarantees up to five grand.



Joe Louis

"You know, the longer you live, the more you learn. I was taught a very important lesson on that tour not to show my attraction for nothing before asking money to see him.

"In Chicago, on the afternoon of Schmeling's appearance, the Steuben Society gave him a reception. We rode through the Loop and bowed to thousands. They did not appear for the show. It was a bust.

"The same sort of thing happened in Muncie, Ind. We were supposed to get a thousand, we had to settle for $800.

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"I MADE a fine thing of my first tour," Billy related. "I took Luther McCarty around the country on that one. Poor Luther. He should have been world champion. He would have been, but for that freak accident in the Pelkey fight in Calgary on May 24, 1913. McCarty fell dead in the first round.

"Well, sir, McCarty knocked out Al Palzer in the eighteenth round in Vernon, Cal., on January 1, 1913, and that made Luther a big man, the hope of the white race. As you know, that white hope stuff ended with Willard's victory over Johnson in Havana two years later. How Jess ever did it, I don't know.

"The Palzer thing made McCarty look like the next champ, so we got an offer from Oscar Hammerstein, who made it a practice to show current celebrities, from heavyweights to acquitted lady murderers, at his Victoria Theatre in New York.

"Hammerstein gave us two weeks. The first at $4500, the second at $3000.

"But McCarty never trod the boards of the old *(Continued on page 39)*

Billy McCarney

Ben Schmidt New British Ring Figure

By EDDIE BORDEN

Ben Schmidt.

LONDON, ENGLAND (Special Correspondence to THE RING): Al Phillips, East Side featherweight, by his sensational two-round knockout over Cliff Curvis, a nineteen-year-old Welsh youngster, at Albert Hall recently, is indirectly responsible for new promotions entering England on a big time scale. According to the rules of the British Boxing Board of Control, which controls the sport in Great Britain, a matchmaker is within his rights to also manage boxers at the same time, legitimately and above board—providing he does not use more than two of his boys on the program at the same time. Phillips, on record, is managed by Jack King, veteran manager and matchmaker, who has been identified with the game for many years in England.

Now comes the bone of contention. During the war, boxing never ceased in the British Isles. Most of these were charity shows, capacity attendances were the vogue, and fantastic prices were charged. Proceeds, aside from boxers' purses, went to worthy causes.

In 1939, a clean cut youngster, barely nineteen years of age, came to this country from Brussels. He was a victim of war persecution.

This boy's name is Ben Schmidt. He arrived in England, a ragged, unkempt figure, but withal a certain tenacity in seeking his objective. And that was peace of mind and the desire to be let alone. He had some friends to contact and eventually landed a position in the shipping department of a gown shop.

Two years later he became a partner in a small business. He outgrew the partnership and finally became his own employer.

During his spare time, Schmidt engaged in various war charities and in 1943 was elected Chairman of the National Charity Aid Society, the most prominent organization which contributed funds to all deserving charities. This eventually led him into the boxing game where he was chosen to put on a charity boxing bill. From one success to another and in four separate shows at Seymour Hall, a hall seating 1400 persons, he raised $34,000 in American money.

With the assistance of Jack King, the matchmaker, the Johnny-Come-Lately Promoter gave the public some exciting contests, and developed a following which he holds to this day. At present, Schmidt promotes at the same Seymour Hall and plays to capacity audiences.

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SCHMIDT is spreading into more ambitious circles. He has succeeded in snaring for exclusive promotions, the Olympia, located in the Kensington district of London, with a seating capacity of 14,000, which makes it the largest indoor arena in London or outlying districts by approximately 4,000.

Harringay Arena seats 10,000, Wembley Stadium and the Empress Hall at Earl's Court about the same ten thousand capacity. Olympia will be remembered as the site of the Mickey Walker-Tommy Milligan world middleweight contest which took place in 1927. This was promoted by C. B. Cochrane, the celebrated theatrical producer, who guaranteed Jack Kearns 110,000 dollars, a record figure for that period.

Olympia has been released by military authorities and the first tenant will be the Mills Circus group which will remain for several months. Schmidt has two dates, the first beginning July 1.

Schmidt may be inexperienced as far as the inner workings of boxing are concerned, but he brings into the sport tenacity, honesty, shrewdness and ability to adapt himself to situations.

For a kid of 26, he has made remarkable strides in a game filled with conceit and throat cutting. If Schmidt is given the necessary encouragement, he is going to become a powerful figure in English boxing.

Along with Jack King to give him the necessary guidance and the support of Al Phillips, who is undoubtedly Britain's best featherweight even though the title is held by Nel Tarleton, Schmidt is going to become a figure to contend with in the near future.

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WHEN one reads that Bruce Woodcock, British heavyweight champion, refused an offer of $20,000 to meet Jack London in a return match and accepts less money to meet a mediocre Swedish heavyweight it gives you something to think about.

When Woodcock was knocked out by Tami Mauriello in New York he received considerably less than half that figure and yet refuses to give the former champion another crack at the title, hardly the actions of a capable champion.

In their last meeting, London was ahead on points when he was floored but arose too late to continue.

Benny Huntman, who manages London, is willing to give Woodcock every possible concession for another crack at the title. He is not interested in the financial angle and merely wants his charge to get another chance. It's not asking too much, considering the fact that London went over big in South Africa, winning his two fights via the knockout route.

Al Phillips, best featherweight in Great Britain.

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HOW much value in a famous name? Tommy (Terry) McGovern, recently discharged from the R.A.F. is about to make his entry into the professional ranks. In Italy, when McGovern was in the amateur ranks, such an eminent personage as Joe Louis declared that McGovern was the best looking prospect he had seen in all the Allied Forces. McGovern is a lightweight and it is his correct name and he also claims a distant relationship to the immortal Terry.

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ENGLISH fans will pull for Gus Lesnevich when that valiant puts his light-heavyweight title on the line against Billy Fox. Lesnevich and Joe Vella made many friends in England with their sportsmanship and good fellowship and that counts for a

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Nat FLEISCHER says:

Middleweight Title Next Robinson Goal

Interesting Items in New Record Book

World Revival in Bantamweight Class

NOW that Sugar Ray Robinson has been acclaimed world welterweight champion, and has received THE RING belt in recognition of his newly-acquired laurels, it would be well for Sugar Ray to recall his plight over a stretch of four years before he goes in quest of middleweight honors. The welterweight class always has been a division comprising some of the best fighters in boxing and at this writing there are a number of boys who rate a chance at the crown.

In his fight with Tommy Bell, which enabled Ray to win the welterweight title, a bout I didn't see because I was in Cuba, Robinson found an adversary worthy of the top contender post. It was a closely fought fight and Ray was awarded the honors.

But in that fight, Bell's display of fighting qualities earned for him a return bout and if Robinson does nothing more in the division before going after Tony Zale's crown in the middleweight class, he should give Tommy Bell another chance. Ray should remember the run-around he got and the resentment he felt, and should decide not to practice now what he fought against for so long—fair play to his fellow welterweights.

If Robinson is permitted by the New York Commission to go out of his class to fight for the middleweight title, without first being asked to defend his welter title, a miscarriage of justice will prevail. In discussing this point with Lieut. Col. Eagan, I called attention to a New York State rule that forbids a champion in one class from entering a higher class for a title bout while still in possession of his crown, and was informed that there is no such rule.

If memory serves me, then I believe that such a rule was adopted by Gen. Phelan and Commissioners Brown and Col. Wear following the Supreme Court action of John Henry Lewis when he was prevented from fighting in the heavyweight class before giving up his light-heavyweight title. The case was settled out of court when Lewis yielded his crown and was granted permission to be knocked out by Joe Louis in an exceedingly one-sided heavyweight bout.

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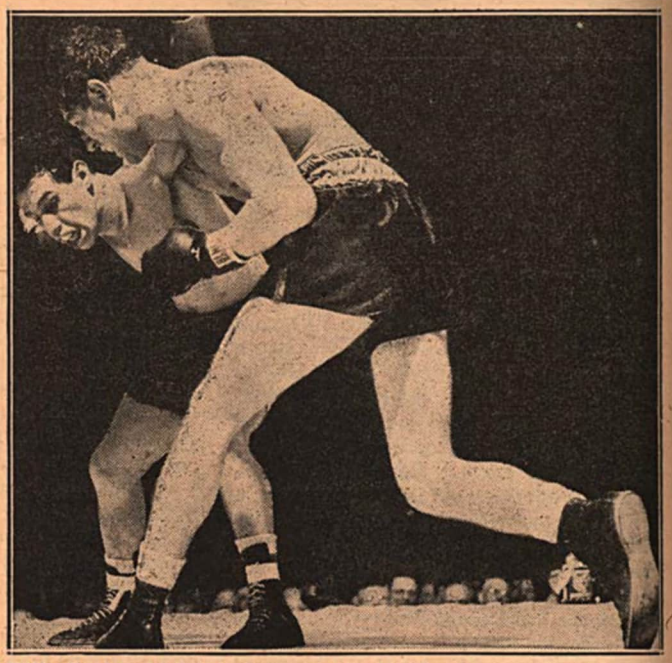
RECENTLY Abe Greene, President of the National Boxing Association, refused to grant permission for a featherweight title bout between Willie Pep, the holder of the crown, and Manuel Ortiz, then bantam king, unless Ortiz gave up his crown. Result? The bout was cancelled. Ortiz accepted a bantam title mill instead with Harold Dade of Chicago and lost his world championship. When Greene made the decision for the N. B. A. he pointed out that the featherweight class had a number of excellent contenders who were far more deserving of a title shot than Ortiz, among them Phil Terranova whose ring achievements have been of the highest.

The same holds in the case of Robinson. Before he is permitted to challenge for the middleweight title and have such a challenge accepted by the New York Commission, Jake La Motta must be given an opportunity to fight for the crown. He is listed in the middleweight class exactly as was Robinson among the welters and he should be duly considered in any matches to be made for the title next summer. To La Motta belongs the first call and it is up to the Commission and the N. B. A. to see that it is no longer ignored.



Billy Graham (right) shakes up Ruby Kessler with a right cross to the jaw in the seventh round of their Garden bout.

While it may be argued, as it often is by Lieut.-Col. Eagan, that a commission is not a matchmaking body, it is the function of the board to regulate boxing on the highest standard and to see that proper matches are made. Sanction for all matches rests wholly with the commission in each state.

Let's follow in this country the splendid system of the British Board of Boxing Control. That body tosses out any match that doesn't meet with its approval. Furthermore, it lists the contenders and before a championship bout is sanctioned, all in such class must be given their chance in what is termed the "elimination series". In this, each contender fights a rival contender selected by the British Board of Boxing Control, the winner to meet the title holder.

If such a system works out perfectly, as it repeatedly has in England where it never has failed, then why not here? Why not arrange competition for LaMotta, Georgie Abrams, Marcel Cerdan and Charley Burley, the winner to face the Graziano-Zale victor if Graziano is reinstated instead of the cut-and-dried process of giving Cerdan the bout because of his showing against Abrams?

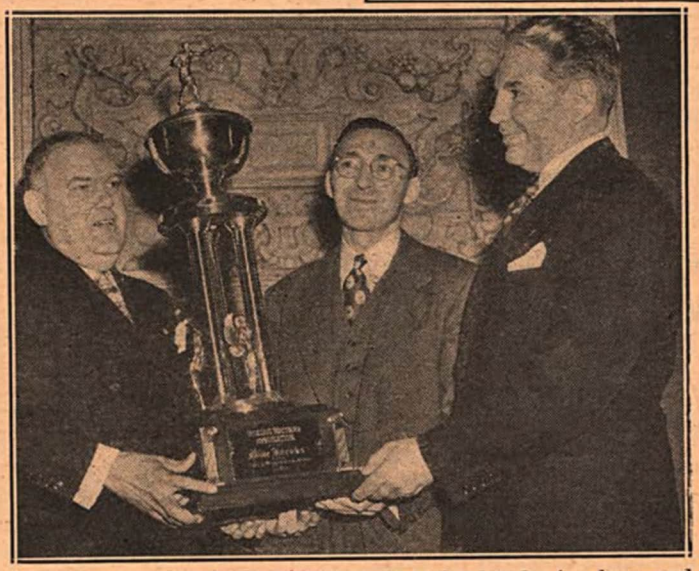
Let Cerdan and Abrams fight it out again because of the closeness of their last contest and Burley and LaMotta engage in another semi-final. Let's also add Steve Belloise to this list.

The winner of those eliminations should be matched to decide the opponent for the title shot.

That's how it would be done in England and Messrs. Powell and Eagan could well afford to adopt the British system for the betterment of the sport here. If this is what the New York Commission considers matchmaking, something out of its jurisdiction, then I'm 100 percent for it. It is part of the work of the Commission, in my humble opinion.

Ray Robinson (left) and Tony Zale receive RING *awards from Nat Fleischer at Boxing Writers' annual dinner at Ruppert's Brewery.*

Tony Zale, middleweight king, holding the Edward J. Neil Plaque, awarded him by the boxing writers of New York as "The Boxer of the Year."



The boxing writers' trophy given to Mike Jacobs for long and meritorious services is held by Al Buck (left), president, and Lieut. Col. Edward Eagan, chairman of the Commission, while Harry Markson, who received the award in Jacobs' absence due to his illness, looks on.

THE suggestion of Dr. C. B. Powell, member of the New York State Athletic Commission, that boxers of the Empire State be rated according to groups based on efficiency, has been favorably accepted by the majority of sports scribes as a plan worth trying. It has also been acclaimed as a novel idea for boxing, despite the fact that there is nothing new involved in Dr. Powell's plans. THE RING has been carrying on its ratings along this line for exactly twenty-five years.

If Dr. Powell will take a look at the annual ratings of boxers in the February issue of this publication, he will see exactly what he aims to establish for the New York Commission—a ranking of more than 3,000 world boxers—not only New York State fighters as he suggests—in groups based on their ability.

The top men are ranked in numerical ratings. Group 1 has the listing of all fighters, who, though not contenders, merit such a high position because they are main event entrants and have splendid records for the year.

The next group consists of main eventers whose record is good, but not up to the standard of the top men.

Then comes Group 3, consisting of boys who occasionally fought in feature bouts, but competed more often in semi-finals and whose record of achievement for twelve months was only fair with probably as many defeats as victories.

Last come the poorest fighters of all, many of whom should be forced to retire by boxing commissions because they are getting nowhere and never will.

Hence what appears to the general public and to Dr. Powell as a step in the right direction, a protective measure for boxers, has been closely followed by THE RING Editor in his classification of world boxers for a quarter of a century.

So thorough has the work of THE RING Editor and his efficient staff been in this classification that boxing commissions throughout the country, fight promoters, matchmakers, and managers use our classification as a guide in the making of matches.

WHILE the adoption by New York of the Dr. Powell measure is a worthwhile gesture, I doubt that any good can come out of such a move by one state. In his mimeographed copy sent to the press, originally intended as a speech for the Boxing Writers' Dinner, Dr. Powell says that he plans to do away with brutal and unfair matches by grouping New York fighters in five classes;—world champion, six leading contenders, winners of 30 bouts, winners of 20 to 29 bouts and winners of less than 20 bouts. Any boxer losing five straight would be dropped a class and losers of fifteen straight would be dropped altogether."

So far so good, but Dr. Powell must remember that fighters do not perform only in New York.

What good will it do to have a New York rating which does not include all outside bouts? To make the plan work effectively every state would have to keep records and interchange them.

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IN completing our work on the 1947 RING Record Book which will be ready for distribution towards the end of March, the Editor and his staff were shocked by the number of cases in which boxers who have been performing in some of the best and biggest clubs of the nation, Madison Square Garden included, have records that fitted them more for retirement than for a place in the fistic spotlight before gatherings of 10,000 or more fight fans. In some cases we found boys with a total of twenty or more contests for the year with not a victory to their credit. In others, we found boxers with a record of repeated knockouts by their opponents and only one or two victories to their credit.

Yet such lads were permitted week after week to perform without any molestation from the various boxing commissions. Lou Sullivieres, who also uses the name of Lou Daniels, took part in twenty-eight in 1946 and was knocked out fourteen times. He also lost ten times, won twice and drew twice.

During the month of January of this year, Domingo Reyes

engaged in six fights and lost all. Last year and to date he lost nine fights out of eleven, yet he is permitted to carry on in a vocation for which he obviously, by his exceedingly poor record, is unsuited. It would be far better for him in the long run were he to be retired. He should seek a job for future security. During January of this year he lost five bouts.

Jose De Medine in his last fifteen bouts was knocked out six times, lost seven times and drew twice. These bouts were fought in New York, New Jersey and in Connecticut. Last year he fought Gabriel Rios six times and Jimmy Jennette five times, and on November 18, 1946, he was knocked down twenty-one times by Jennette in New Britain before being knocked out in the second round. On December 10, because of his "excellent showing", he was rematched in New York City and this time Jennette knocked him out in the second round.

To start the New Year, De Medine, "still a good drawing card because he furnishes the fans with something to talk about", engaged Earl Roys and was knocked out in seven rounds in New Britain. Seven days later he faced Tom Collins in New Haven. Collins, who is a good prospect, dropped De Medine ten times and scored a kayo in the second round.

De Medine, like Domingo Reyes, should be retired without further delay if his future is to be considered. A fatality or permanent physical disability is certain to be his lot if he continues.

The gem of these "fistic finds" is Joe Miles, a Jersey City featherweight. In his last eight fights Joe was knocked out eight times, seven in the first round and the other in the third.

Then let's take the case of Ernest "Cat" Robinson. He hasn't won a fight since 1943—28 losses in a row. This year he has been kayoed twice.

Thus from the above, all substantiated by THE RING Record Book for 1947, it is easy to learn why so many of the American boys engaged in professional pugilism become physical derelicts at an early age. They should be given better protection by our Fistic Fathers who are appointed to rule over boxing. When a fighter loses repeatedly, especially when he is often kayoed, his license should be revoked. He has no place in boxing.

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FOR the outstanding fistic achievement of the past year, Tony Zale was doubly honored on January 22 by the New York Boxing Writers' Association and THE RING at Ruppert's Brewery. On that occasion Zale received the famed Edward J. Neil Plaque, awarded in New York to the fighter who did most for boxing, and THE RING Merit Award, a sterling silver and gold medal given to the boxer who stood out most prominently as pugilist and citizen. Zale earned both awards because of his great battle with Graziano at the Yankee Stadium when he lifted boxing off the floor, after the knockout blow it had received in the Louis-Conn bout, and raised it back to where it belongs—in the confidence of the fight public.

His courageous stand in which he turned the tide of battle to retain his world middleweight crown will forever occupy a bright spot in the twice-told tales of historic ring bouts. Mike Jacobs was presented with a trophy for long and meritorious service.

In receiving THE RING Award, Zale joins a long list of famed ringmen to whom the year's honor medal has been given since the award was first inaugurated back in 1928 when Gene Tunney was the first to get it. Since then Tommy Loughran, Max Schmeling, Jack Sharkey, Barney Ross, Tony Canzoneri, Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong, Billy Conn, Fred Apostoli, Beau Jack and Willie Pep have been the fortunate recipients of the cherished award, the highest honor, with the Neil trophy, given annually in boxing. Loughran won the award twice; Louis four times, and Ross twice.

In addition to the Zale medal, THE RING Editor turned over to Ray Robinson a handsome belt for winning clear title to the world welterweight crown. It was the one hundred and twenty-seventh such trophy awarded by this publication since its inception twenty-five years ago. Harold Dade, newly crowned bantam king, will receive the one hundred and twenty-eighth belt within a few weeks.

ELSEWHERE in these pages, Harry Winkler, THE RING's California correspondent, gives vent to an interesting thought that enterprising promoters, matchmakers and managers could well heed. Discussing the new world bantamweight champion, Harold Dade, Winkler comments on the possibility of a revival of the 118-pound class in universal popularity.

In recent years, the bantams have dropped almost completely out of the boxing limelight, at least, where the American scene is concerned. California, in fact, has been about the only major center where the little fellows have been able to receive serious consideration, and the result has been that whenever a good bantam hoves into view, he promptly heads for the Pacific Coast, realizing the almost impossible task he confronts in trying to earn recognition in New York or Boston or Philadelphia or Chicago.

Dade is a typical case. Harold is a native of Chicago, but when he decided to turn professional, after an excellent amateur career, he knew the odds were all against him in his own bailiwick, so westward he hied himself. Another fine little fighter, Benny Goldberg of Detroit, transplanted himself in California for the same reason.

With a bit of vision and enterprise on the part of boxing promoters in our larger fistic centers, there is no reason why bantams couldn't regain the popularity they once knew, when stellar performers like Pete Herman, Joe Lynch, Jack Sharkey, Frankie Jerome, Bud Taylor, Midget Smith, Johnny Buff and Carl Tremaine among others were packing old Madison Square Garden. Some of the most thrilling battles staged by Tex Rickard during the 1920s featured the little fellows—not only bantams, but flyweights, too, when Pancho Villa, Frankie Genaro, Fidel LaBarba and that colorful crowd were at the top of their form.

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THE average matchmaker today, when the subject of bantams and flyweights comes up for discussion, merely shrugs his shoulders and sniffs: "The public doesn't care for them. They're fast, but cannot punch, and it's punchers the fans want."

An utterly silly argument. Some of the heftiest clouters the ring has known have weighed from 108 to 118 pounds. Jimmy Wilde, at his peak, didn't scale much more than 100, yet the 'iny Welshman compiled one of the most remarkable knockout records in history. And not many heavyweights were credited with more impressive punching performances than Carl Tremaine. Veteran New Yorkers recall the sensational battle between those two dynamic clouters, Johnny Buff and Abe Goldstein, at Manhattan Casino. Buff, apparently on the verge of a kayo himself, suddenly nailed Goldstein with a terrific right to the jaw that flattened Abe in the second round; a real one-punch kayo.

When has there been a more devastating walloper than the ill-fated Pancho Villa? And were there any complaints about the lack of power behind the blows of Joe Lynch and Kid Williams? One cannot overlook the fact that perhaps the hardest hitter, pound for pound, the ring has uncovered, George (K.O.) Chaney, started his career as a bantam.

Jimmy McLarnin and Tony Canzoneri, two of the standout performers of the late '20s and early '30s, first hit the top brackets as bantams.

With a little encouragement on the part of fistic entrepreneurs, the little fellows can again become popular with American fans. And it's to their own interest, too, for the revival of the bantams and flyweight classes would give the promoters more talent and a wider range of attractions than they have now from which to select their cards.

How about giving the tiny tikes a chance?

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THE Missouri Athletic Commission has ruled out technical knockouts under its revised regulations for boxing. Commissioner Floyd W. Jones announced that hereafter if a boxer is injured and unable to continue before halfway through the schedule, the referee will rule the match a draw. If, however, half or more of the rounds have been fought, and the injured boxer is unable to continue, then *(Continued on page 39)*

CALIFORNIANS WHO SHINE

By HARRY WINKLER

Buddy Jacklich, promising lightweight, who made the main event class in his first year as a pro.

WHAT'S in a name? A fictional character by the name of Jerry McSwain would probably be described as a rather tough looking customer. If a professional boxer, he might well be pictured as a pugnacious fellow. I'm positive that an author or movie director would have a Jerry McSwain a bull-necked guy with a cauliflower ear, wearing a turtle-necked sweater and a checkered cap pulled down over one eye.

Well, there is a professional boxer by the nom de guerre of Jerry McSwain, but he doesn't at all resemble the imaginary character described above. This one is a clean cut gentlemanly youth. A handsome fellow who dresses like a young business man and hasn't a mark to distinguish him as of the fistic profession. In fact, if an author or movie director were to use this McSwain in their story, they would probably give him a name such as Ralph Ring. A name that would fit him perfectly.

McSwain is the most-talked-of heavyweight in California. He seems to have all that is necessary for a successful career, being a good boxer, stiff puncher, tough enough and thoroughly game. He has won all of his twelve contests and has already been rated Number Two of the California heavies. He is handled by Jack Richardson of San Diego, a veteran manager.

As a youth, McSwain was an all-around athlete. He won a U. S. C. scholarship for his high-school football achievements, received a letter for putting the shot, and was the school champion at boxing. He boxed as an amateur before the war, winning 18 of his 19 contests. McSwain entered professional boxing at Miami, Fla., late in 1945, while still in the Navy. He is of Irish blood, a native of California, born on March 3, 1922.

Incidentally, his real name is Ralph Ring.

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ONE of the most promising fighters tossing the leather in and around San Francisco these days is Buddy Jacklich. This popular 135-pounder, who is managed by Sid Flaherty, has lost but once in 18 professional starts. His best wins were over Chino Alonzo, Alex Amador and Torito Ramos. His lone defeat was to Mario Trigo. Buddy is a good puncher, and half of his wins have been scored by the sleep-producing method.

Before the war, Jacklich boxed as an amateur and was winner of the 126-pound title in the Pacific Coast Golden Gloves tournament. Like most other boxers, Buddy's career was interrupted by the war. He served three years in the Navy. Under the expert guidance of Flaherty, Buddy made the main event class in his first year of boxing. And if he has the stuff necessary to make the big time, Flaherty is the man to bring it out.

Jacklich was born of Slav-American ancestry in San Francisco on July 26, 1922.

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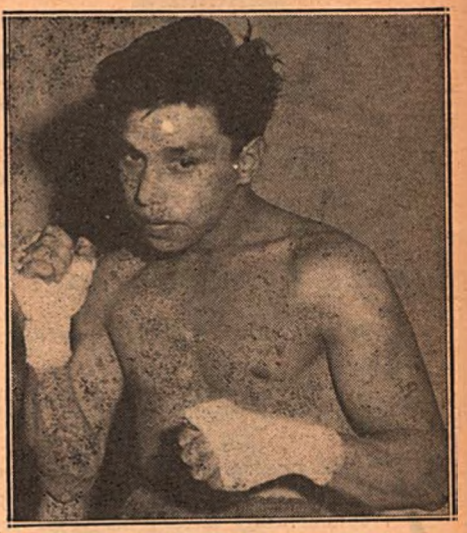
DID you ever hear of Sonny Hill? If you are one of those who have driven into the gas station at Olympic and Alvardo in Los Angeles, you have heard plenty of this Negro lightweight. Hill is managed by Billy East, who is also the manager of the mentioned gas station. And East really has something to sell besides gas, for Hill is a better-than-average fighter. Hill's first name is really Virgil, but he feels that this name sounds too sissy for a fighter and prefers to be known as Sonny.

Hill is nearly six feet tall, but weighs only 138 pounds, which makes him very slender, but he is anything but frail. What Sonny lacks in a rugged physique he makes up for in gameness and fighting spirit. He is of the boxer type, but will slug it out with any of them. Sonny has been knocked down a number of times, but he gets up and then the battle is really on. Hill has engaged in 40 contests. His best wins were over Shamus McCray, Abel Lucero and Hammo Kazarian.

Sonny dropped about a fourth of his bouts, but among the opposition were such fighters are Jesse Flores, Vic Grupico and Arturo Barron. Hill, who recently became 23 years of age, has been boxing for three years, but has been idle much of the time due to eye cuts and injured hands.

Rated number two in California, heavyweight Jerry McSwain has won all his pro bouts to date.



Tony Chavez, topnotch lightweight from San Jose.

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SAN JOSE, Calif., has produced a number of outstanding boxers, and in Tony Chavez, a lightweight, it has another fighter who is almost certain to add more fistic prestige to the beautiful little city. Although not yet 19 years of age, Chavez has chalked up a very creditable record, having lost but four out of 36 contests. He scored ten of his victories by the kayo route, while all his losses were via decisions. Tony has been on the canvas but twice in his career. He arose both times to defeat his tormentor, which describes the metal this Mexican youth is made up of.

Chavez is very fortunate in having Ted Walker as his mentor. Tony has already faced such formidable foes as Jesse Flores, Nate Huskey, Abel Lucero, Jimmy Florita, Walter (Cabey) Lewis, Jimmy Joyce, Paul Reguejo and Billy Gibson.

Before entering professional ranks, Chavez had engaged in 17 amateur bouts, losing but one of them. Tony won the 135-pound title in the Diamond Belt tournament in San Francisco in 1944. Chavez was born at Santa Paula, Calif., May 2, 1928.

Sonny Hill, six-foot Negro lightweight, whose height makes him a rarity in the roped square.

The Lethal Wallop

Inch-For-Inch and Pound-For-Pound George K.O. Chaney Rates Among Most Prodigious Punchers in Beak-Busting Industry

By JERSEY JONES

Joe Louis, the greatest of the present day clouters.

THE revocation of Rocky Graziano's license by the New York State Athletic Commission automatically knocks the props from under the hottest "natural" on the current fistic calendar—the encore engagement between The Rock and Tony Zale, listed for March 21 in Madison Square Garden.

Whether these rivals, in their return meeting, would have been able to match, or produce even a reasonable facsimile of, the riotous Donnybrook they uncovered at the Yankee Stadium last September is, of course, something that may never be answered. But chances are they would have. Their respective methods of operation could hardly produce anything but a rip-roaring carnival of clout. Neither Tony nor Rocky could be labelled a Fancy Dan. The niceties of clever boxing are not for them. They are primarily punchers, apt to break up a show at any moment with a solid clout.

Thinking of Zale and Graziano, and of such other lethal larrupers as Joe Louis and Blackjack Billy Fox and Charley Burley, one's thoughts start ambling back through the mists of yesterday to recollections of other robust clouters whose flailing fists helped to chronicle some of the most colorful chapters in ring annals. Terry McGovern, Joe Walcott, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Jeffries, Aurelio Herrera, George K.O. Chaney, Jack Dempsey, Paul Berlenbach, Jack Delaney, Mickey Walker, Benny Leonard and Jimmy McLarnin, to list only some of the many.

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INCH-for-inch, and pound-for-pound, one of the most prodigious punchers the beak-busting industry ever has produced was George K.O. Chaney, of Baltimore.

Chaney wound up an active career in 1925 with a total of 102 knockouts on the credit side of his ledger—one of the only two fighters in history to hit the century mark in kayoes. The other was the late William Lawrence (Young) Stribling, who finished with 127. But the Georgian was more of a mauler than a puncher. Many of his "knockouts" were contributed by sparmates who toured the Canebrake Circuit with him in one-night stands, and many others were at the expense of local stiffs dug up for the occasion. Stribling seldom knocked out a good fighter.

Chaney's record was legitimate. George, who was on the short, stocky side, measuring only 5 feet, 1½ inches in altitude, spread his activities through three divisions, starting as a bantam, hitting his peak as a feather, and winding up as a lightweight. Though a southpaw, George clouted emphatically with either fist, and among those he stiffened during his 15 years of ring service were such good 'uns as K.O. Eggers, Phil McGovern, Eddie O'Keefe, Tommy Houck, Philadelphia Pal Moore, Tommy Hopkins, Kid Julian, Packey Hommey, Mickey Donley, Cal Delaney, Alex Hart, Danny Kramer and Ray Mitchell.

But Nature sort of balanced the scales with Chaney. Prolific in handing it out, he wasn't too rugged on the receiving end, and was belted out six or seven times himself, sampling some of his own specialty at the fists of Johnny Kilbane, Lew Tendler and Joe Tiplitz, to list the better known.

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CHANEY wasn't the only soporific socker who found it much easier to give than to receive.

There was Peter Maher, the Irish heavyweight, who, half a century ago, made a habit of either knocking out the other guy or getting flattened himself. He did plenty of both. And old Pete wasn't particular whom he hit—or who hit him. He stepped in there with the best of 'em—Bob Fitzsimmons, Joe Choynski, Gus Ruhlin, Joe Goddard, Dominick McCaffery, Steve O'Donnell, Kid McCoy and Tom Sharkey.

One of the highlights of Maher's career was his brief but exciting meeting with Fitzsimmons in Langtry, Texas. The battle lasted only 1 minute, 35 seconds. Practically with the first punch, Peter knocked Fitz down and all but out, but Bob staggered to his feet and dumped the Irishman for the full count.

Of more recent vintage, there was Frank Moody, the Welsh middleweight, who campaigned in American rings during the '20s. Moody was another who could give but couldn't take. He knocked out such rugged gents as Lou Bogash, Tony Marullo, Jackie Clark, Pat McCarthy and Kid Norfolk, but, in turn, was stiffened by Harry Greb, Jack Delaney, Martin Burke and George Courtney.

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STILL discussing punchers, we're reminded of a remarkable series of battles involving two hard-hitting flyweights of a generation ago—Kid Pancho, a Texan of Mexican extraction, and Gene Larue, a French-Canadian southpaw operating out of Detroit.

The flyweight division has become practically extinct in recent years, but during the early '20s it enjoyed tremendous popularity with the customers. Its ranks were fairly loaded with real talent that embraced such accomplished ring mechanics as Jimmy Wilde, Johnny Buff, Frankie Mason, Abe Goldstein, Patsy Wal-

lace, Young Zulu Kid, Johnny Rosner, Frankie Genaro and the spectacular Pancho Villa.

Kid Pancho and Gene Larue didn't rate with the headliners, but they were among the best of the secondstringers. Both lads packed terrific wallops for little fellows.

San Antonio was Pancho's main stamping grounds, and Larue was imported by Promoter Jack Shelton to meet the Kid in a 10-rounder.

The brawl, a vicious slugging affair while it lasted, suddenly wound up in the third round when Larue fell out of the ring and was unable to continue.

The unfortunate ending of the bout resulted in a rematch. Two weeks later, in the same ring, the argument was resumed. Again the third round witnessed a sudden finish with sensational embellishments. The heavy guns of the rivals connected simultaneously, and the startled clients were treated to one of those ring rarities —a double knockout!

A third meeting was inevitable, and once more, after a two-weeks' interval, Pancho and Larue teed off against each other. And, for the third time within a month, their wild and wooly feud reached a third-round ending. On this occasion there was no doubt of the winner. Pancho chalked up a clean-cut knockout!

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ONE of the most remarkable punchers in ring annals was Jimmy Wilde, when he ruled the flyweight roost. The Mighty Atom's best fighting avoirdupois was in the neighborhood of 108 pounds, but he packed a wallop that would have done justice to a lightweight.

Back in 1920, when the tiny Welshman was touring these United States of ours, he was matched with Bobby Dyson in Lawrence, Mass. Dyson was a southpaw, and a dangerous puncher himself. Lefthanders were something new to Wilde. He'd never fought one.

Your commentator made the jaunt to Lawrence with Wilde and his manager, Tom Hughes. On the train, Jimmy asked me if I'd ever seen Dyson in action. I told him I had.

"Would you mind standing in the aisle a moment, and giving me an idea how he faces off?" Wilde requested.

I complied. Jimmy stood facing me for a few seconds, studying the situation.

"Thank you; that's all I wanted to know," he said, as he sat down.

Wilde's campaign of battle was mapped out in his mind in those few ticks of the watch.

Dyson's southpaw stance proved no puzzle to the Pontypridd Pulverizer. Wilde gave his opponent no chance to get started, and in something less than a minute Bobby had teamed up with Morpheus.

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NO discussion of lethal punchers would be complete without some reference to Aurelia Herrera. Though it's nearly four decades since the California Mexican hung up his gloves, he still rates in many quarters as the most authoritative clouter, weight for weight, in ring history. Herrera scaled about 128. He was an irresponsible sort, refused to take the profession too seriously, and spent most of his leisure moments at the nearest bar. But he could belt, and among the many good 'uns he flattened were Biddy Bishop, Toby Irwin, Caeser Attell, Eddie Santry, Charley Neary, Benny Yanger and Kid Broad. Though he lost to both, he also spread Terry McGovern and Battling Nelson on the canvas for long counts.

Patsy Haley, a top bantam of the era, and later a prominent referee, tells of the time back in 1903, that Broad ambled out to Butte, Mont., to meet Herrera.

Broad was one of the best in the business at the time. The Kid had been in there with the likes of Terry McGovern, George Dixon, Dave Sullivan, Joe Bernstein, Young Corbett, Abe Attell, Oscar Gardner and Benny Yanger, without having suffered anything worse than an occasional lost decision.

In those days, the press services didn't cover boxing events as

George K.O. Chaney, Baltimore's T.N.T. walloper.

thoroughly as they do now, and only championship matches were considered of sufficient importance to put on the telegraph wires. Consequently, no report of Broad's affair reached the East until the Kid himself brought back the news.

Haley ran across Broad shortly after his return to New York.

"How'd you do out there?" Patsy asked.

Broad rubbed his chin, reflectively. "Cripes, could that guy punch!" he mumbled.

"Yes, but how'd you make out?" Haley persisted.

"Well," the Kid explained, "I'm goin' along all right, when bang! I'm down. Could that guy punch! Cripes! But I say to myself: 'Look here, Kid, you better get up. What'll the folks back home say?' So I get up, and next thing I know I'm down again. Cripes, could that guy punch!"

"Yes, then what?" Haley prompted.

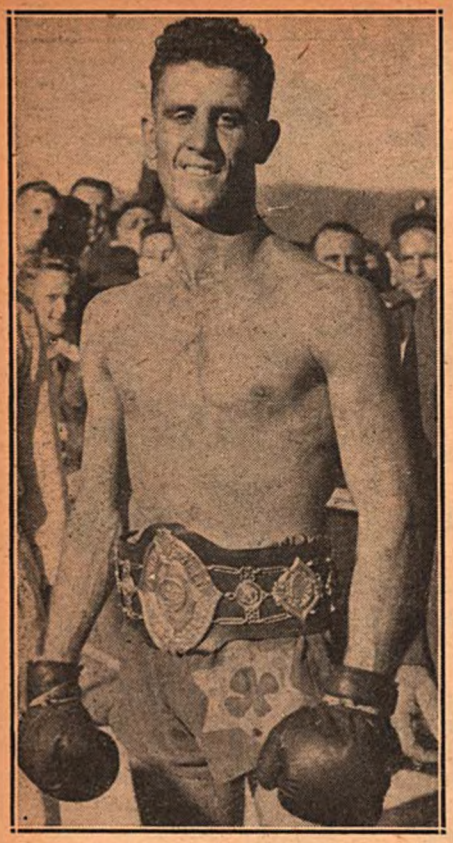
"Well, I get to thinkin' again, and I say to myself: 'This ain't no good for you, Kid. You fought the best in the world and nobody never knocked you out. Think of the folks back home.' So I get up again."

"Go on," encouraged Haley.

"Well, it seems all I'm doin' is goin' down and gettin' up. Every time I'm down, I'm thinkin' of the folks, and what they'll say if I don't get up."

"So, what happened?"

"Well, I get to the fourth round, and there I am down again. Cripes, what a puncher! But I'm gettin' tired of it by now. I say to myself: 'Kid, this can't go on. What'll the folks say?' Then I say, 'Who's gettin' murdered here, you or the folks? The hell with the folks.' Cripes, could that guy punch!"



ANOTHER MURPHY COMES *to* FORE

New Zealand Fans Think They Have a "Torpedo" Billy Murphy in Young Bos, a Middleweight

By BRIAN O'BRIEN

MORE than sixty years after the fistic invasion of the United States by a lone New Zealander, "Torpedo" Billy Murphy, former Featherweight Champion of the World, there has risen in distant New Zealand another Murphy who bids fair to become another great name in the fistic world. He is Bos Murphy, 23-year-old former Welterweight Champion of New Zealand, and conqueror of the highly-rated Vic Patrick, Light and Welterweight Champion of Australia.

With a population of only one and a half million, the tiny Dominion of New Zealand, 1,400 miles southeast of Australia, is as boxing-minded as the United States, Britain and Australia, but due to the comparatively few inhabitants, not many New Zealanders get to the top of the boxing tree. "Torpedo" Billy Murphy was the first New Zealand "great." Others included Tommy Donovan, the Fighting Fireman, conqueror of Pete Sarron in three fights; Johnnie Leckie, a two-fisted featherweight of the late 1920's; "Peerless" Charlie Purdy, who defeated the great Jack Carroll for the Australian Welterweight Title, and, of course, Tom Heeney, the old "Hard Rock," who fought Gene Tunney for the world heavyweight championship. Of more recent vintage, there was Maurice Strickland, a heavyweight, who did fairly well in Britain and the United States during the late 1930s.

It is doubtful, however, if New Zealanders have become so enthused over any native fistic son as they are over Bos Murphy, their current ace.

Murphy was born in Palmerston North, New Zealand, in 1924. As a tall, skinny youth, Murphy made his presence felt at school as a swimmer, boxer, cricketer and track athlete. It was soon apparent, however, where his greatest talents lay, in the roped square, the boxing ring. Bos' father, veteran of the 1914-18 war, and an Irishman born and bred, encouraged his offspring in the manly art. He preached the gospel of aggression . . . "Hit the other man first and stop him hitting you." It is this spirit that has pushed American boxers to the No. 1 position in the boxing game today, and what Pa Murphy hopes will bring a world title to New Zealand through the medium of his son.

Trained early by Dick Dunn in the Hutt Valley, near Wellington, Murphy was a natural southpaw, possessing the lethal left invariably associated with the unorthodox style of the left-hander. Being tall for his weight and age, he was taught how best to make use of his height. He soon became a star.

As an amateur, Murphy fought 63 fights, winning 57, drawing one, and losing only five. He gained valuable experience against a number of classy American boys who were stationed in New Zealand during the War. On each occasion he was successful against the lads from Uncle Sam's domains. Due to the War, the All-New Zealand Championships were suspended, otherwise Murphy would have added the National titles to his list of successes.

Murphy turned professional on June 26, 1944, and by an odd coincidence, found himself matched against Tommy Dunn, young brother of his first trainer. This fight was a great disappointment to Murphy, in that he was compelled to retire in the sixth round with an ankle injury which had concealed itself during his training for the fight. Murphy was well ahead on points, and did not have a mark on him as he was assisted from the ring, the most disappointed man in New Zealand that night. He had by now been taught to fight the orthodox way, and his showing in his first bout as a right-hander was highly promising.

Returning to the ring a few months later, Murphy won a points decision from the cagy Tommy Hanson, one of the hardest men in New Zealand to beat. Then came the return fight with Tommy Dunn, and Murphy gave undeniable proof of his superiority by completely outboxing and outfighting Dunn, knocking him out in the fifth round.

With his local reputation made, Murphy went further South to take another decision from Tommy Hanson, then returned to his home town to blast Jack Duncan out in 2.55 of the first round. Duncan had just given the welterweight champion a close fight, and was no set-up. The youthful prospect next gave away 14 pounds to Fred Southee and knocked Fred out in the second round with a right that traveled no more than 12 inches—a deadly short rip to the point.

The "grand old man" of New Zealand boxing, Veteran Clarrie Rayner, was disposed of also in two rounds. Scribes in other centers were now beginning to sit up and take more than passing interest in this youngster who was cleaving such a path through the country's welter and middleweights.

In the meantime, further south in Dunedin, another star had arisen, unbeaten Laurie Bolger. In September, 1945, Murphy gave Bolger such a thrashing that he retired from the ring indefinitely. Local papers, reporting the fight, marvelled at Bolger's endurance in standing twelve rounds before such an onslaught as that launched by Murphy that night. It was truly a Joe Grim performance.

His biggest test to date was when he faced Roy Stevens at Petone. Stevens was the leading contender for the Middleweight Championship of New Zealand, and a hard hitter. Murphy, conceding 15 pounds, gave Stevens a boxing lesson to win a clear-cut decision.

Victories over Danny O'Keeffe and the Australian Bobby Clarke followed in quick succession. Clarke was a well-performing middleweight from Australia, and went down before Murphy's flashing gloves in the ninth round.

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THEN, on March 23, 1946, Murphy went in against rugged Vic Caltaux, New Zealand Welterweight Champion, for the latter's New Zealand Welterweight Championship. Caltaux had fought in the Pacific War, and during his service there had knocked out Garvey "Lefty" Young, one-time world ranking welterweight. There were backers for both men, some saying that Caltaux would be too experienced and rough for the young local boy, and others, that Murphy's youth, allied to his deadly punching, superior height and reach, would win. But few were prepared for the murderous assault which Murphy unleashed on the champion. Although Caltaux lasted twelve rounds before he was finally knocked out, he remembered nothing but the elusive figure of tall, slim Bos Murphy cutting him down time after time from the fifth round on. After taking the most terrific lacing in the history of New Zealand championship fights, Caltaux was knocked out and Bos Murphy became the new Welterweight Champion of New Zealand.

Soon after the Caltaux fight, rumors were about that Vic Patrick, Light and Welterweight Champion of Australia, had been approached with a view to crossing the Tasman Sea from Australia, and fighting the young New Zealander. As the rumors grew into facts, interest rose in the boxing game in New Zealand such as

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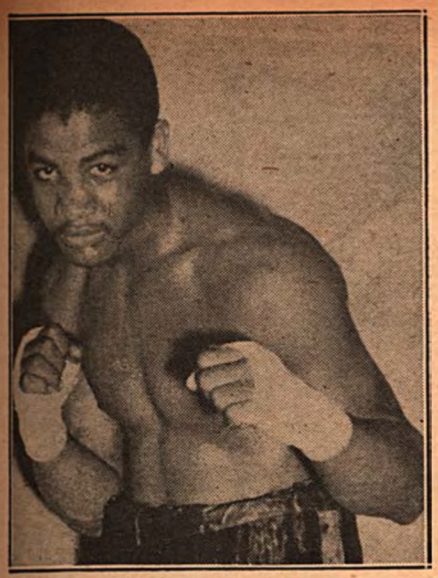
KANSAS FISTIC LIGHTS

By TOM McHUGH



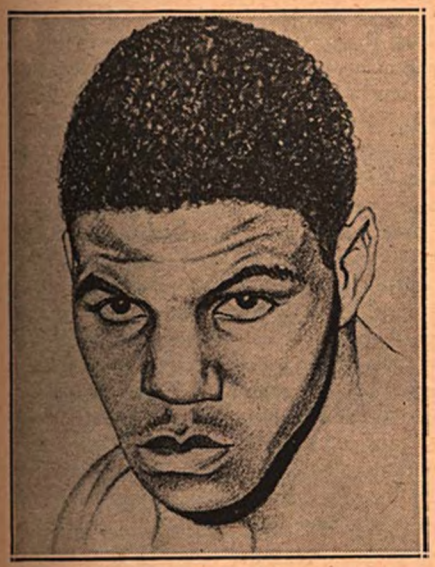
Jackie Darthard, welterweight contender from the Jayhawk State.

KANSAS, which years ago was the scene of many important national ring battles, and developed a number of stellar performers, is rapidly forging to the front again with talent of a high caliber. Kansas City, across the river from the Missouri metropolis of the same name, is the home of the state's leading boxers, several of whom appear headed for national recognition.

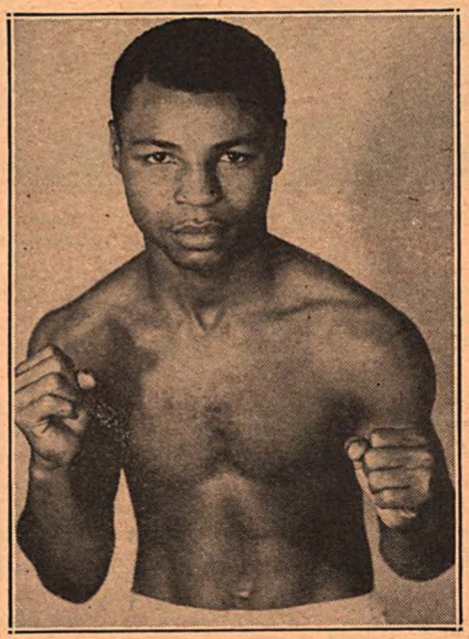
Major Jones, welterweight, winner of 20 bouts in 21 starts, is the leading light. The Major has beaten or kayoed such good ones as Don Lee, Pat Byers, Chester Slider, Bobby McIntyre, Tony Motisi, Lou Flyer, Bill Terry, Joe Keyes and Don Lemos. Jones won both the National Golden Gloves and A. A. U. featherweight championships prior to his sixteenth birthday in 1944. After he had gone out to California to turn professional, the fistic fathers there banned him from competition when they learned of his youth. The Major, returning home, was granted permission by both Kansas and Missouri to headline programs when he reached his seventeenth birthday.

Now only eighteen, Jones has done quite a bit of traveling in his quest for professional fistic glory. He has made one trip to New York, where he belted out Pat Byers in two rounds at the St. Nick's, and out in California he whipped Don Lee and Chester Slider in wind-ups at the Hollywood Legion Stadium.

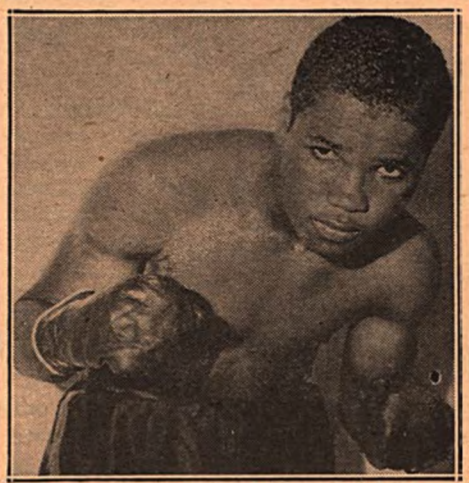
Another good native is Roy Miller, a middleweight, who floored Cowboy Ruben Shank in two great battles at Kansas City and Denver. Miller won both bouts. Roy also has taken the measure of Ray Spurlock (twice), knocking him out in the second contest. He gave Bert Lytell, Eddie O'Neil and other stars tough opposition.



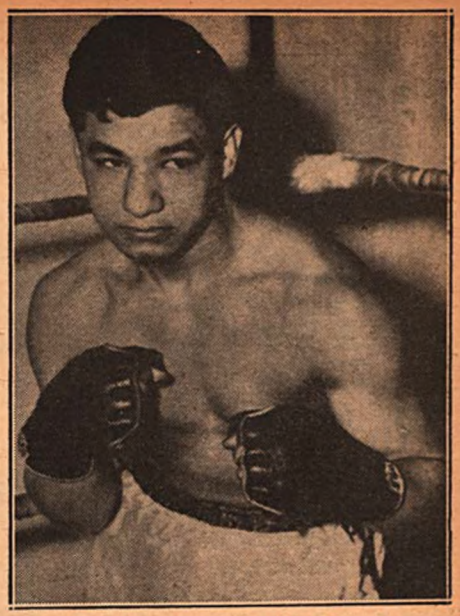
Known as the Kansas City kayo king, Levi Southall is regarded as a comer in welterweight ranks.



Howard Jackson, busy bantamweight, who packs a punch in either hand.



Major Jones, welterweight, who has won twenty of twenty-one bouts.

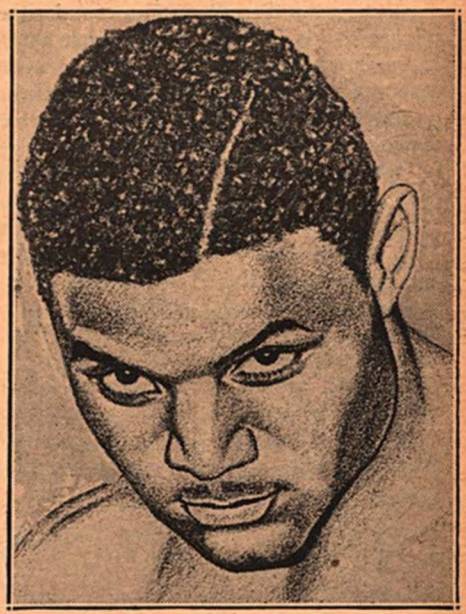


Frankie Rivera, a bantamweight with an impressive record.

Levi Southall, welterweight, known as the Kansas City Kayo King, is another Jayhawk favorite. Levi explodes a right hand with terrific force and is a good boxer to boot. Southall knocked out Howard Bleyhl and Johnny Rozzini, and defeated Nunzio Ferraro and Sparky Reynolds among others. So far, Levi has iced twelve of his fifteen opponents.

Frankie Rivera, a bantamweight, has lost but one bout in twenty-one, and that to Jose Adres, whom Frankie decisively whipped in a return match. Rivera is a fine boxer and a solid socker, and rates among the state's best. He has kayoed or defeated Benny May, Nick Saunders, Jackie Boyd and Joey Martinez. He also has fought two draws with Harold Jackson, another crowd-pleasing bantamweight.

Jackie Darthard, a welterweight contender, has registered fourteen knockouts in seventeen fights. Included among his kayo victims are Baby Yucatan, Sparky Reynolds, Roy Lewis and Orv Smith. Jackie recently won the Missouri title.



A top battler among the middleweights of Kansas is Roy Miller.

A Day at the Ring

By IRVING RUDD

A scene in the headquarters of THE RING *Magazine in Madison Square Garden. Nat Fleischer,* RING *Editor, is seen in the foreground.*

THE young fellow, obviously an ex-fighter because of his slightly dented nose and generally rugged appearance, was pacing nervously up and down the corridor outside THE RING offices on West 49th Street, early one morning.

"Mr. Fleischer?" he inquired, as THE RING editor bounded briskly towards the door ready to begin a hectic day. "I need your help pretty badly," the young man said. "I've got a chance for a good government job here in New York, but I have to prove I am a legal resident of this city. I lost all my papers when I moved out of my room and now I've got no proof of any kind to show I was a New York resident before joining the Army."

He was only a preliminary boxer, and none too good when he was active, but THE RING files contained a batch of clippings pertaining to his boxing career which showed that he had fought in the Metropolitan area for a little over a year. Nat gave him several of these, then phoned the Boxing Commission which dug up duplicates of his application for a boxer's license. Armed with these infallible bits of evidence the former fighter easily obtained his job, it was learned later. Thus started a typical day at the offices of THE RING Magazine.

Like any other businessman, Fleischer tackles his bulk of mail first. He arrives regularly when in the city at 7:45 a.m. and until his help reaches the office at 9:30, he is busy with his letters. However, unlike most colorless, staid correspondence of many orthodox business firms which usually begins with the cold, "Your query of the fifth inst.," the letters received at THE RING fairly glow with a human warmth, as aid is sought in tracing lost relatives, questions regarding a boxing career are asked, and inquiries by the dozen each day arrive questioning THE RING staff about the habits, likes, dislikes and superstitions of fight personalities.

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A SCHOOL TEACHER writes from the Midwest asking for a rebuttal to some of the students who have produced advertising testimonials from paid athletes praising a cigarette.

A lad who shows exceptional promise as a collegiate welterweight, is forbidden to follow the ring sport by his parents who fear injury and also feel he may be mingling with "riffraff." Nat's advice is requested. All parental qualms are hastily dispelled by THE RING Editor's reply and a few months later a letter of appreciation is received by the lad, now a winner of seven straight battles.

The inside staff of THE RING is a small one but its correspondents number about four dozen. Deadline time here is as hectic as any old-time newspaper scene depicted in motion pictures. However, the tension is broken up by visits from chaps like double-talking Lew Raymond, who is led towards unsuspecting Stanley, who compiles the fighters' records. Cigar in mouth, the jolly Raymond, with serious mien, asks Stanley if he can check the record of that fighter who fights out of Glelbrin, y'know, the southpaw who fallsnacked that other fellow in Pittsburgh?"

But Stanley knows Lew's game and puts Raymond in his place with a little of his own medicine in the line of double talk.

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THEY come at the average rate of 60 persons per day to pay their respects to THE RING and to visit the museum with its many boxing relics. Primo Carnera's first stop in New York after getting in from Italy a few weeks ago, was at our publication's headquarters in Madison Square Garden.

THE RING office is the gathering place of sportsmen and fistic celebrities from all parts of the world. Here also come scribes from the local newspapers seeking information for stories they are writing; budding young authors seeking advice from THE RING Editor on the best procedure to follow; magazine and motion picture research editors to check on the accuracy of their fight material; members of the Missing Persons Squad of the New York Police Department to trace the whereabouts of boys who are known to have been or still are in the fistic profession; the F.B.I. hunting for the background of a boxer who is now in trouble; the Internal Revenue agents seeking dates of fights in tracing income tax evasions. And so on down the line. Scarcely an hour passes during the day but what someone is calling either in person or on the telephone for information. Answering queries takes up a good portion of the time of all the staff members.

One would hardly suspect an organization like THE RING to be an integral part of a "cloak and dagger" drama, but from the outset of the war, THE RING office worked hand-in-hand with alert, keen-witted Government agents. They were constant visitors as they sought out draft dodgers, potential foreign spies, in addition to criminals who previously had been connected with the fight game, no matter in how slight a capacity.

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THERE was no mistaking who the alert, lean, youngish-looking chap was, if you've ever had dealings with the F.B.I.

"Mr. Fleischer," the government agent began, "my name is Sullivan and I'm with the F.B.I." Mr. Sullivan flashed his credentials. "We need your help," he explained.

This was during 1943, and although Nat and THE RING staff had served the armed forces and the government unstintingly by staging hospital and camp shows and donating boxing equipment,

Mr. Sullivan's request marked the first time that U. S. law enforcement agencies had sought the aid of THE RING Magazine.

"It is of the greatest importance that what we discuss be kept in strictest confidence," Sullivan said. "In Detroit there is a chap named Richards—John Richards, whom we have under close surveillance. We have reason to believe he is a German in this country illegally and a member of a sabotage ring. He is involved with a gang whose every mysterious action leads us to believe that they are spies or saboteurs. Richards and two others have responsible jobs in defense plants.

"Our files show that Richards has a slight cauliflowered ear," Sullivan continued. "When he was medically examined by the physician for his job, it was noted that his right hand was broken some years ago and had healed improperly."

"That sounds like an ex-fighter," Fleischer interjected. "How old did you say he was?"

"Forty," the F.B.I. man replied, but as THE RING Editor swung toward the All-Time Record Book, Sullivan informed him that no fighter under the name of John Richards was listed.

"Now, Mr. Fleischer, his papers and those of his cronies are in perfect order, and we have no way of proving that Richards entered here only within the past two years, shortly before the war. He has proof of being here some twenty-odd years. We don't want to arrest this gang immediately, and when we do, don't wish to arouse suspicion as to the real reason for their detention. The F.B.I. can then slap the illegal entry charge upon them—if we could prove they are here illegally."

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AN APPOINTMENT was arranged for the next morning and a complete file of German fighters, wrestlers, and other athletes in possession of THE RING Editor awaited the F.B.I. man.

"I took most of these pictures during my tour of Germany shortly after the first world war," Fleischer explained. "I spent several winters there, you know, starting in 1922."

Sullivan explained that the case was growing hot and that he had to make a plane out to Detroit within an hour. Could he, the agent wondered, take the photos with him for scrutiny?

On the plane, hunched in a corner, the F.B.I. man examined every picture carefully. Schmeling, Neusel, Diekmann, Diener, Eder, Besselman, Gruber, Schmidt, Edwards, Rothenberg. . . . The plane landed, but no clue. At Detroit headquarters of the F.B.I., the search continued far into the night with more than 400 fruitless photos examined. Suddenly an exclamation. A younger edition of their quarry, a slight "tin" ear noticeable, stared up at the agent. Faintly pencilled, a forgotten note by Fleischer back in 1926. "Good prospect, broke hand in fight in Paris last year. Out for one year."

This was definitely John Richards! The German and his gang, all dangerous men, were rounded up.

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MANY similar cases were solved with the aid of THE RING staff. THE RING photo gallery and its "morgue" furnished considerable aid to the government that resulted in the apprehension of many saboteurs during the last war.

A dismembered torso of an ex-wrestler was identified through old photos at this office.

A swindler, who had mulcted businessmen out of thousands of dollars, was trapped because he had once mentioned to one of his victims that he had been a fight manager. Investigation proved that not even the keenest students of boxing in New York could remember the chap who claimed to have handled a fairly prominent club fighter. The fighter in question had also dropped out of sight, but he was quietly contacted through THE RING and he faintly recalled the swindler as one of numerous obscure hangers-on who actually did not have the remotest connection with the pugilist. However it was the criminal's vanity and brag of posing as a former fight manager that led to his downfall through the aid of THE RING.

A pathetic case involved an old time fighter, Sam Bolen, who hailed from Oswego, New York, and fought the best in the business at the turn of the century. He was found, hungry and disheveled, lying on the street in North Bergen, New Jersey. The county recorder sentenced Bolen for ninety days in jail for vagrancy, because the old man, who said he was 75 years of age, had no visible means of support.

He told the court he was an old time fighter. They called THE RING Editor for verification. Yes, the police were told, Sam Bolen, whose right name was Baldwin, was a great fighter some fifty years ago. A corking scrapper, he had fought among others, Jack Blackburn, George Dixon and Jack Burge. He was a clever boxer who often spotted his foes 20 to 25 pounds for purses of $25. The name and address of Bolen's daughter was given to the police. The judge was contacted and Bolen's sentence was revoked. The daughter resided in New York, and old Sam had a comfortable home once more.

Sam Bolen died on July 1 of this year, but it was comforting to know that at least he had been reunited with his loved ones through the efforts of this staff.

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THE phone rings incessantly throughout the day, with most of the callers trying to settle arguments and have their queries answered. What is the origin of the squared circle?

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"Who was the referee for the Dempsey-Carpentier fight?"

"Why is a boxing ring known as a ring?"

"What was the attendance at the last Garden fight?"

"Gee, are you sure Graziano lost to that guy two years ago? I've got a big bet riding on it." Are only a few of the conversation pieces.

Ridiculous questions such as: "Was Terry McGovern a Negro?" or "Is Jim Corbett still alive?" are asked. When informed that the immortal Gentleman Jim passed away some thirteen years ago, the caller becomes abusive. We're all wet, he avers, and anyway, "What do you guys know about boxing?"

All this time the next issue of THE RING is slowly taking shape. Pages are made up, copy is edited as dispatches from the correspondents pour in from all over the world, last minute corrections are entered and then the Editor gathers the staff about him one week before the deadline to go over the monthly ratings of boxers. This activity proves more of a bugaboo and headache than any other feature of the magazine.

Most fans and fight managers fail to take into consideration that with printers doing a tremendous, capacity business, makeup must be in their hands not later than the 15th of each month. Therefore, most ratings are closed out at the twelfth if possible. So if some favorite scrapper scored a sensational win *after* the magazine went to press, it is impossible to change the standings. Despite the fact that it is plainly printed in the ratings box that these compilations are as of the twelfth or fifteenth, the manager and followers of a fighter who won an important tiff on the 20th, tear into THE RING offices seething with indignation or write fervid letters beseeching the staff to pay closer attention.

A barbed wire barricade around THE RING offices for five days after the magazine hits the stands would probably do the trick, but most readers also fail to realize that ratings are compiled on a month-to-month basis, and that in addition to fistic skill, the men must keep fairly active to be ranked.

A well-known manager who shall go nameless is a frequent visitor, pleading for "my guy, whom you know, Nat, is the greatest lightweight around." The fighter in question is placed under consideration, and strangely enough, wins a few fights from topnotchers, thereby breaking into the select circle. The manager thereupon is mysteriously missing. Although it is not requested, not even a note of thanks trickles into the office. But let his boy be overlooked, no matter how slightly, than said fight pilot charges in angrily to "cop a plea."

Another type of manager is the one whose lad is upset by a rank "bum" and therefore is dropped from the first ten. The manager approaches Fleischer a few days before deadline.

"If you haven't done it already, I come to tell yuh to take my guy out. He deserves it. Da bum. *(Continued on page 35)*

BRILLIANT BOXERS in WELTERWEIGHT CLASS; WALCOTT BEST

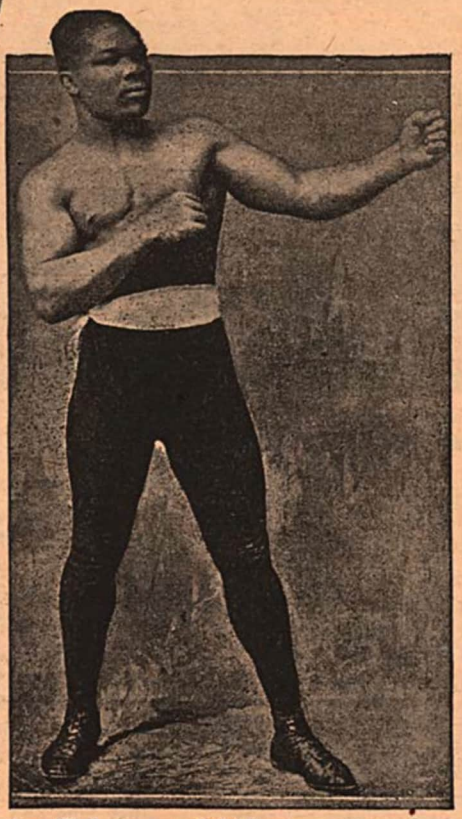
By NAT FLEISCHER

Tommy Ryan, a clever welter with a scintillating style.

THE fight between Ray Robinson and Tommy Bell in Madison Square Garden last December gave to Sugar Ray the opportunity he had been seeking for a long time — that of establishing his claim as the world's best welterweight. When Marty Servo relinquished his title rather than face Robinson, not a fighter among the first ten, other than Bell, was willing to accept Robinson as an opponent in an elimination tourney.

Thus, rather than toss the title into the lap of Sugar Ray without having him fight for it, the New York Commission and the N.B.A. did the next best thing—they decided to recognize the winner of a Robinson-Bell bout as the world champion.

Since Ray is, and has been for several years, the best man at his weight in the world, THE RING fell in line and awarded a belt to Robinson, thus giving its blessing to the welcome settlement of the welterweight mess.



Joe Walcott, rated highest among welterweights.

Few divisions have had such stellar performers as has the welter class. But today, Robinson alone, of all men in the division, can compare to the great men who fought in that class in past years.

It remained for Tommy Ryan, one of the greatest boxers and fighters of his time, to bring the welter class to the attention of the public. Ryan, whose natural fighting weight was 140 pounds, was an ideal boxer. He possessed all the good qualities of a successful pugilist. He had speed, cleverness, a knockout punch, and was a keen ring general.

Ryan's chief rival was Mysterious Billy Smith, a Maine sailor man, who swung hard with both hands, had hazy ideas as to boxing science, but was a hurricane fighter and never stopped swinging so long as he could see out of one eye. The weight limit of the class at that time was 142 pounds, this figure being decided on because it met the requirements of Ryan, Smith and a few others.

Ryan and Smith were finally matched for a title fight, and the contest took place at Minneapolis, July 26, 1894. The bout was limited to 20 rounds and Ryan outpointed Smith in a most convincing manner. Smith swung and rushed furiously for the entire distance, but Ryan's science gave him the decision and the title. Smith felt he could do better in another bout and the pair were rematched.

The contest was staged at the Coney Island A.C. May 27, 1895, and resulted in a draw, after 18 rounds of spectacular fighting. The bout was scheduled for 20 rounds but was twice halted by the police, once in the sixth round when Smith had Ryan on the floor in a helpless condition, and again in the eighteenth round when Smith was down and apparently knocked out.

The police consented to a continuance after the stoppage in the sixth round on assurance that the rough work would be modified. Therefore, when both men had rested for several minutes (which was sincerely appreciated by Ryan) the combat was resumed.

When the contest became too exciting to suit the police in the eighteenth, the referee was directed to send the fighters out of the ring. That official decided the contest to be a draw.

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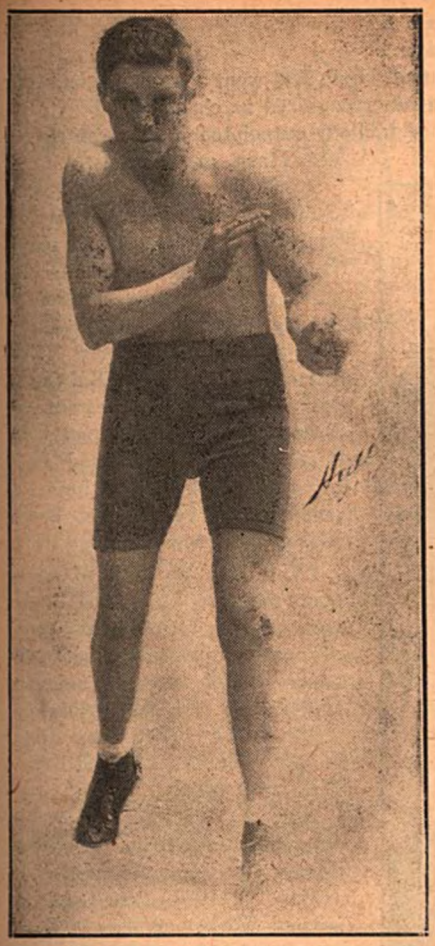
RYAN had barely started his campaign of 1896 when he received a challenge from Kid McCoy, who had made considerable reputation by stopping Tommy West and others. Despite the fact that Ryan was a great general inside the ring ropes, he admitted that he was completely outgeneralled by McCoy in the match which resulted in the only knockout the champion received during his entire career. It is a notable fact that the only decision Ryan lost was in a bout with McCoy, a six-round contest in Chicago, May 29, 1900, when both were in the middleweight class.

Jack Britton, who engaged in many thrilling welter bouts.

The bout in which Ryan lost his welter crown to McCoy took place in the Empire A. C., Maspeth, L. I., May 2, 1896. It is quite evident that McCoy had doubts as to his ability to defeat Ryan if the champion were in condition to do his best and the designing McCoy set on foot a plan, calculated to bring Ryan untrained into the ring. McCoy wrote a series of letters to Ryan assuring the latter that he was a sure winner and declaring that he made the match merely to get the loser's share of the purse, of which he was in sore need. McCoy intimated that he was in ill health, was unable to train and therefore it would be unnecessary for the



Ted Kid Lewis, Britisher who held welter crown for many years.

writing pathetic notes, the champion, McCoy, trained like a beaver in the Manhattan A.C. at 45th St. and Madison Ave., and when he stepped into the ring on that pleasant May night, the Hoosier was fit to fight for his life. There was not an ounce of superfluous flesh on his trim figure and he was speedy as a greyhound. McCoy was quite as good a boxer as Ryan and while not perhaps so heavy a hitter, yet was a punishing puncher.

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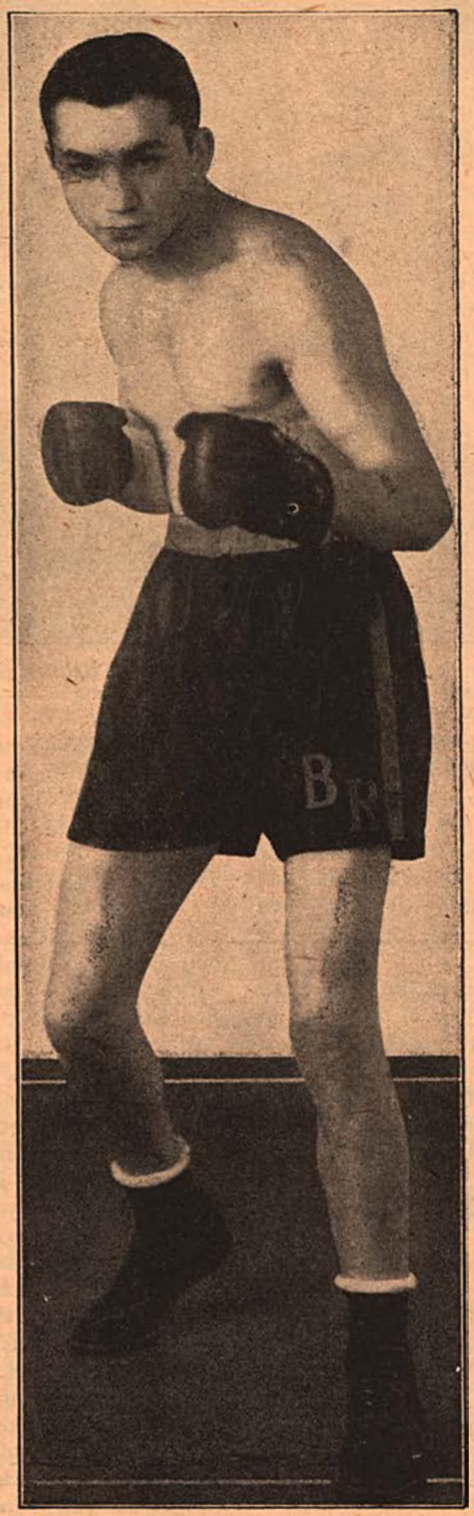
IT was a sad awakening for Ryan when McCoy threw aside his bathrobe and disclosed to view his superb physical condition. In deplorable contrast, Ryan was fat, flabby and slow and when he faced McCoy in the opening round, the latter with a sneering grin, congratulated the champion on his splendid condition. The bout was a tremendous upset to the experts who were ignorant of the correspondence between the fighters and expected Ryan to win handily.

In spite of the handicap of poor condition, Ryan made a courageous fight and lasted 18 rounds before McCoy put over the finishing punch. There has always been question as to McCoy making the weight of the welter class as the weighing was done in secret. McCoy insisted he complied with the weight limit and no one was able to successfully disprove his assertion.

title holder to do any great amount of work in preparation for the bout.

Ryan was completely deceived by the pitiful missives of McCoy and limited his training to an occasional stroll in the open and a round of evening entertainments. In the intervals of



Barney Ross, a more recent figure among the welters. He had a great fighting record.

The one certain thing about the contest, was that he knocked Ryan out. However, both Ryan and McCoy then climbed into the middleweight division, leaving the welter class to Billy Smith and his rivals.

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SMITH held challengers safe till he faced a rugged chap named Rube Ferns in a 20-round bout in Buffalo, January 15, 1900, and lost decision and title on a foul in the last round. Ferns had barely gotten accustomed to wearing the crown when it was taken from him by Matty Matthews, a New York boxer, noted for clever defensive work but without much force behind his blows. Matthews outpointed Ferns in a 15-round bout in Detroit, September 1, 1900, thus capturing the title.

With a singular disregard for the financial aspects of a title that characterized many champions of those days, Matthews went back to Detroit one month and eight days later and engaged Ferns in another 15-round bout for the championship. On this occasion Ferns got the decision and the title, thus setting the unusual record of twice winning and twice losing the championship of the division.

Hardly had Ferns once more gotten comfortably seated on the welter throne than he was challenged by Joe Walcott, then making a formidable record as a compiler of knockouts. They met at Fort Erie, Ont., December 18, 1901, and the Black Demon put Ferns to sleep in the fifth round. Thus Ferns faded from the titular film.

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THERE followed an event that caused much discussion and argumentation. Aaron L. Brown, a dark-skinned Negro, who fought under the name of Dixie Kid, had made considerable reputation on the Pacific Coast due to victories over many good welters, including a one-round knockout of Al Neill. Walcott was on the Coast at this time and was matched with the Dixie Kid in a 20-round bout for the welter title then held by Walcott.

The contest took place April 30, 1904, and the Kid showed his class by holding the Black Demon even up to the time in the last round that Walcott was disqualified for a foul. The decision was hotly disputed and the official was attacked by angry spectators or those who wagered on Walcott.

Yet the decision stood, and Dixie Kid became the welter champion as soon as the decision was made. Many decisions have been made by referees, past and present that did not meet the approval of the onlookers but under the London and Queensberry rule, decisions could not be changed. The rules declared that the "referee must give his decision promptly and irrevocably."

For that reason the right of the Dixie Kid to the welter title cannot successfully be disputed. Dixie Kid held the class honors till 1908, when he went to England and has remained there up to the present time. Joe Walcott is generally recognized as the greatest of all welterweights.

The title remained without a holder till 1914 when Kid Graves laid claim to it, and was in the spotlight for 2 years when

Jimmy McLarnin, who won title from Young Corbett, III, lost it to Barney Ross, regained it and again lost it to the Guadalcanal hero.

he suddenly lost his fighting form and retired from competition.

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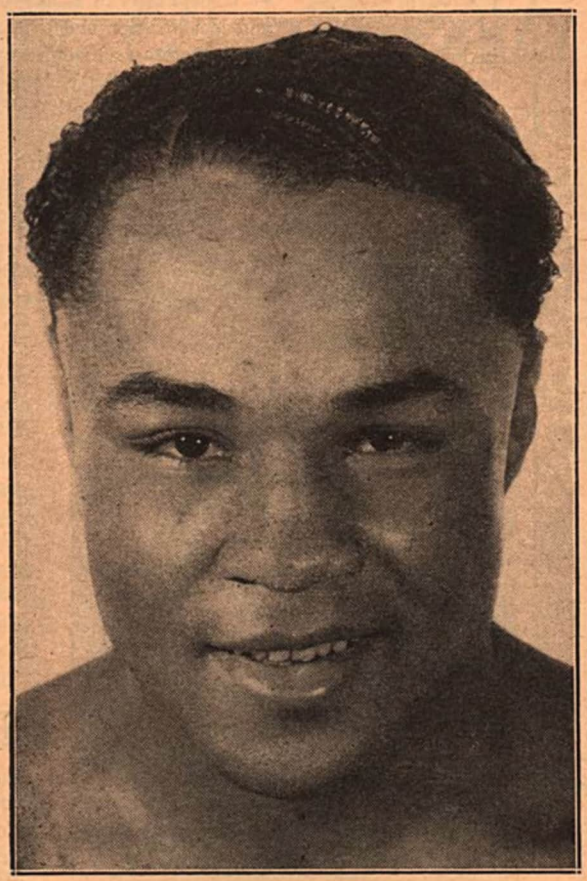
THE celebrated feud between Jack Britton and Kid Lewis started in 1916 and continued without interruption until Britton knocked out the Englishman and thus solidified his right to the class honors. In the first tilt for the honors, Britton outpointed Lewis in a 20-round bout at New Orleans, April 24, 1916. Lewis turned the tables on Britton in a 20-round bout at Dayton, Ohio, June 26, 1917, and Britton brought the feud to a close by knocking out Lewis in the ninth round of a bout at Canton, Ohio, March 17, 1919.

Britton kept the title until Nov. 1, 1922, when he was outpointed in a 15-round bout by Mickey Walker of Elizabeth, New Jersey, in Madison Square Garden.



Henry Armstrong, holder of the feather, lightweight and welterweight titles.

Many baseless claims to the welter title have been made and the one most obviously without foundation was that put forth by Honey Mellody of Boston. Mellody made his claim because he defeated Joe Walcott on points in a 15-round bout at Chelsea, Mass., October 16, 1906. In view of the fact that Dixie Kid defeated Walcott on April 30, 1904, it can readily be understood how flimsy Mellody's claim was. Mike Twin Sullivan also claimed title on the strength of a decision over Mellody who never was champion of the class. The descent of the welter title at weight limits of 142, 145 and 147 pounds follows:

The welterweight class came into being about 1880. American records show Paddy Duffy as the first champion of the grade, in the early eighties. When Duffy retired, the title was in abeyance several years, until fought for by Mysterious Billy Smith and Danny Needham, in 1892. The lineup of champions in this division follows:

Dec. 14, 1892—Mysterious Billy Smith knocked out Danny Needham at San Francisco, 14 rounds.

July 26, 1894—Tommy Ryan outpointed Mysterious Billy Smith at Minneapolis, Minn., in 20 rounds.

March 2, 1896—Kid McCoy knocked out Tommy Ryan at Maspeth, L. I., in 15 rounds.

(McCoy and Ryan both outgrew welter class, and Mysterious Billy Smith again claimed the title.)

Jan. 15, 1900—Rube Ferns won from Mysterious Billy Smith on a foul, at Buffalo, in 20 rounds.

Oct. 16, 1900—Matty Matthews outpointed Rube Ferns at Detroit, Mich., in 15 rounds.

May 24, 1901—Rube Ferns knocked out Matty Matthews at Toronto, Canada, in 10 rounds.

Dec. 18, 1901—Joe Walcott knocked out Rube Ferns at Fort Erie, Canada, in 5 rounds.

April 30, 1904—Dixie Kid won on a foul from Walcott at San Francisco, in 20 rounds.

(Decision was disputed. Dixie Kid went abroad, outgrew welter grade. Walcott was again recognized as champion.)

Oct. 16, 1906—Honey Mellody outpointed Joe Walcott at Chelsea, Mass., in 15 rounds.

April 23, 1907—Mike (Twin) Sullivan outpointed Honey Mellody at Los Angeles, Cal., in 20 rounds.

[Sullivan outgrew the class. The title was variously claimed by Jimmy Gardner, Jimmy Clabby, Ray Bronson, Clarence (Kid) Ferns, Mike Gibbons, Kid Graves, Mike Glover, Ted Lewis and Jack Britton for several years, and Lewis clinched the title in 1915.]

August 31, 1915—Ted Lewis outpointed Jack Britton at Boston, Mass., in 12 rounds.

(This was the first of several bouts between Lewis and Britton, with varying results over a period of nearly four years, until 1919, when Britton kayoed Lewis, and clinched his right to the title.)

March 17, 1919—Jack Britton knocked out Ted Lewis at Dayton, Ohio, in 9 rounds.

Nov. 1, 1922—Mickey Walker outpointed Jack Britton at Madison Square Garden, in 15 rounds.

May 30, 1926—Pete Latzo outpointed Mickey Walker at Scranton, Pa., in 10 rounds.

June 3, 1927—Joe Dundee outpointed Pete Latzo at Polo Grounds, New York, in 15 rounds.

July 25, 1929—Jackie Fields won on a foul from Joe Dundee at Detroit, Mich., in 2 rounds.

May 9, 1930—Young Jack Thompson outpointed Jackie Fields at Detroit, Mich., in 15 rounds.

Sept. 5, 1930—Tommy Freeman outpointed Young Jack Thompson at Cleveland, Ohio, in 15 rounds.

April 14, 1931—Young Jack Thompson knocked out Tommy Freeman at Cleveland, Ohio, in 12 rounds.

Oct. 23, 1931—Lou Brouillard outpointed Young Jack Thompson at Boston, Mass., in 15 rounds. Jan. 28, 1932—Jackie Fields outpointed Lou Brouillard at Chicago, Ill., in 10 rounds.

Feb. 22, 1933—Young Corbett, III, outpointed Jackie Fields at San Francisco, Cal., in 10 rounds.

May 29, 1933—Jimmy McLarnin knocked out Young Corbett, III, at Los Angeles, Cal., in 1 round.

May 28, 1934—Barney Ross outpointed Jimmy McLarnin at Madison Square Garden Bowl in 15 rounds.

Sept. 17, 1934—Jimmy McLarnin outpointed Barney Ross at Garden Bowl, Long Island City, N. Y., in 15 rounds.

May 28, 1935—Barney Ross outpointed Jimmy McLarnin at Polo Grounds, N. Y. City, in 15 rounds.

May 31, 1938—Henry Armstrong outpointed Barney Ross at Garden Bowl, Long Island City, N. Y., in 15 rounds.

Oct. 4, 1940—Fritzie Zivic outpointed Henry Armstrong in Madison Square Garden, in 15 rounds.

Jan. 17, 1941—Zivic knockout of Armstrong in 12 rounds. For title, in Madison Square Garden.

July 29, 1941—Freddie (Red) Cochrane outpointed Fritzie Zivic at Ruppert Stadium, Newark, N. J., in 15 rounds.

Feb. 1, 1946—Marty Servo knocked out Freddie Cochrane in 2:54 of the fourth in Madison Square Garden to win the title, and Servo retired on August 10. Dec. 20, 1946—Ray Robinson defeated Tommy Bell to win the crown.

FROM THE OLDTIMER'S SCRAPBOOK

THE FIRST WHITE AMERICAN CHAMPION, JACOB HYER, HID HIS CHIN BEHIND A BEARD.

RING archeologists trace the welterweight class down to the Pleistocene Age of boxing which means all the way back to 1792. The name derives from a weight term used in English horse racing. Until 1892, however, one century later, the welterweight division was a rather vague class, with no recognized champions.

In 1892, Mysterious Billy Smith knocked out Danny Needham in San Francisco and claimed the title. Since then, the line of succession has been interrupted by a four-year hiatus between 1911 and 1915 when there was no champion at all. But from 1915 down to the present, the division has been an active one with the title changing hands more frequently than in the other class. For example, since 1930, the championship has been held by five different men, by one of them, twice.

Mickey Walker, Jimmy McLarnin and Freddie Cochrane had some illustrious Hibernian predecessors. And when one speaks of Irish welterweights, the name of Tommy Ryan immediately is mentioned, showing that some one has been feeding on the wrong kind of dope. Tommy Ryan, who was Joseph Youngs in private life, was no more Irish than the Prince of Wales. His mother was English and his father French. Nor was Mysterious Billy Smith a Celt. This Maine boy sprang from English forebears but, as his opponents could attest, from no one else. Matty Mathews who reigned in 1900 was the first of the Irish welterweight champs.

The Negro race dominated the division from 1901 to 1906, through Joe Walcott and Dixie Kid. Then Honey Mellody, the Charlestown Irishman, won it for dear old Brain Boru. Mike Twin Sullivan kept the Irish in front by succeeding Mellody. When Mike fattened into a middleweight on a corned beef and cabbage diet, a couple of Hibernians, claimed the title — Jimmy Clabby, an Irish-American from Norwich, Conn., and Jimmy Gardner, straight from County Clare. Clabby's claim was sounder but he soon outgrew the division.

From 1911 to 1915 there were several claimants but none of them bona fide and it wasn't until Ted Kid Lewis, a London Hebrew, defeated Jack Britton, an Irish-American and the outstanding claimant on this side of 'erring pond, that the division had a real head again. Britton and Lewis met over a dozen times in the next four years with the title changing hands like an unlucky two-spot in a crap game. Britton kayoed Lewis in 1919 and ruled until outpointed by Mickey Walker, another Irish-American in 1922. Mickey was the champ until 1926 when Pete Latzo dethroned him.

Champion Weighed 98

THE popular but erroneous impression, among followers of the fistic game, is that Jimmy Wilde, the former flyweight title holder, was the smallest champion of all times, his minimum weight being 105 pounds. However, the honor does not belong to Jimmy but to another Jimmy. Jimmy Barry of Chicago who held the bantamweight title in the early nineties.

Fighting still another Jimmy, Jimmy Gorman in 1894, Barry weighed exactly 98 pounds and he stopped Gorman in eleven rounds.

Since then the title seldom has remained in the possession of its holder for long. Joe Dundee reigned for two years; Young Jack Thompson and Tommy Freeman shared it in 1930; Thompson won it back in 1931, but lost it the same year to Lou Brouillard. He lasted until early in 1932 when Jackie Field conquered him. Jackie was on the throne for a year, Young Corbett III, ousting him in 1933. He held the title only a month or so, McLarnin, redeeming it for the Irish for the first time since it passed out of Mickey Walker's hands.

Barney Ross, a Hebrew, took the crown from Jimmy and McLarnin regained it from Ross only to lose it again to Barney. Then came a Negro champion, Henry Armstrong to be followed by a Croatian, Fritzie Zivic.

The Irish reclaimed the title when Freddie Cochrane beat Zivic and then followed an Italian, Marty Servo. When he retired, a Negro, Ray Robinson gained the laurels.

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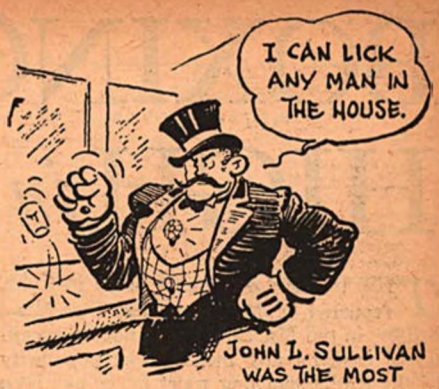
THE VERSATILE IKE WEIR

"I'LL give you two hundred dollars if you land on me three times in this round," said Ike Weir, the famous Belfast "Spider," world featherweight champion of the eighties. He was fighting the "Kentucky Rosebud," a Negro boxer and the third round had just begun.

"I'll take dat bet, white boy," said the Rosebud, and rushed like a whirlwind. This was exactly what Weir wanted. One of the most marvelously skilled boxers in history, he easily evaded the "Bud's" efforts to reach him, retreated, sidestepped, and ducking under a swing, hit his Negro opponent with a short right on the jaw that stretched him out for the full count.

The "Spider" was a brilliant personage, and as talented as he was erratic. He was a noted jockey before he was fifteen years old. He was a fine sprinter and won many races. An adept in handling horses, he was a familiar figure on trotting courses, where he was frequently hired as a professional driver. He was a crack shot with either pistol or rifle, and had over a hundred trophies acquired in shooting contests with professionals.

As an actor in vaudeville, he topped bills, and drew thunders of applause from audiences for his nimble dancing and melodious singing. No trickier fighter ever entered a ring, and fight fans adored him, both for his "clowning" and ability to slip over a kayo punch. Taken all around, Weir, who was born in Ireland, might well be listed as the world's most extraordinary pugilist of all time.



JOHN L. SULLIVAN WAS THE MOST PICTURESQUE OF ALL THE CHAMPIONS.

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JIM CORBETT'S VERSION

JAMES J. CORBETT was as good an actor as he was a boxer. He traveled all over the country appearing in legitimate plays and in vaudeville. On one occasion, while in Indianapolis, he consented to answer questions submitted by the audience and one fellow asked Jim to give his version of the Fitzsimmons fight.

"Let's see," drawled Corbett, "you mentioned the Fitzsimmons fight. Man, you bring up the dog-gondest subjects. Why don't you talk about something cheery?" Gentleman Jim grinned. "About the Fitz fight. We were brought together at Carson City on St. Patrick's Day, 1897. There being a bit of Irish in me the date seemed to be a good omen for me. As for regarding Fitz as a dangerous opponent—well, though I respected his man-killing punch, having avoided Sullivan's crushers and beaten him into submission, I figured on disposing of the Cornishman as well.

"Everything was lovely for thirteen rounds. Fitz was pretty well cut up during that time. The finish came in the fourteenth. Fitz let go a right-hand swing that might have floored a mule if it had connected. I stepped aside and could almost feel the breeze as the glove swished by. Then I made the mistake of my life. I had sidestepped the right, but didn't avoid the second part of the maneuvre. As Fitz missed his right he swung back with his left, a blow that caught me in the pit of the body. It knocked the wind clear out of me and down I went.

"I wasn't what you'd call clearly out. I could see Fitz crouched over me. I could hear the crowd shouting frantically. I was clearly aware of the referee counting. Still I couldn't get up. The count reached 'ten' and the sporting world proclaimed a new champion. Under the rules I had suffered my first knockout. Later on I was to realize what a real knockout meant—in the fight with Jeffries—but that's another story. The finishing blow that Fitzsimmons struck was nothing more than a left hook to the body. A high-brow physician, expressing a professional opinion, declared that Fitz had hit me in the solar plexus; and ever since the punch has been given the high-fallutin' name, the solar plexus blow."

BOXING ENTHUSIASM HIGH *in* CUBA *and* HAWAII

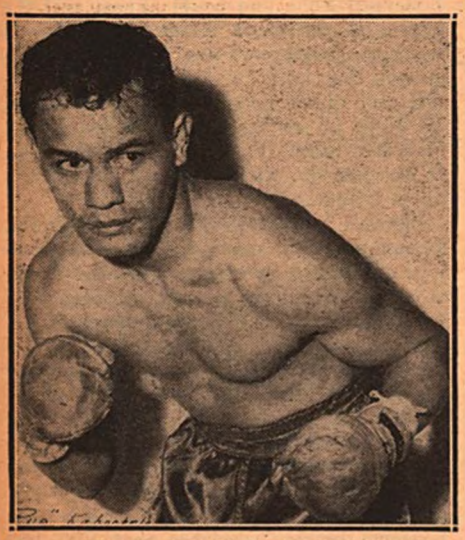
By RAY JONES

THE tremendous boxing boom in Cuba, reported by Nat Fleischer, THE RING Editor, in the March issue, is not an exceptional case by any means. The popularity of the leather-pushing sport never has been more universal than it is at the moment. Boxing is thriving these days not only in such established centers as the United States, the British Isles, Continental Europe and Australia, but in many foreign climes where it practically was unknown before the recent war.

The reason, of course, is easily understandable. American soldiers, sailors and marines were scattered all over the map, as were British and French forces, and they introduced and popularized boxing in lands where it probably had never been heard of.

Boxing, of course, is not new in Cuba. It has been a top-ranking sport for years in the Pearl of the Antilles. The staging of the Jess Willard-Jack Johnson heavyweight championship match in Havana back in 1915 had a lot to do with arousing the interest of the Cubans in the Queensberry pastime. But not even in the days when such celebrated native stars as Kid Chocolate and Black Bill were jauntily riding the crest of their sensational waves of popularity has boxing taken such a terrific hold on the populace.

In the past, most of the local boxing was confined to native contestants. It was only on rare occasions that Americans or other "foreigners" were imported to do battle with the Cuban stars. Now, however, the Island really is going in for international promotions on a large scale. The plans are to bring in topline Yankee ringmen at every opportunity to face the best of the native boys. The ill-fated Willie Pep-Miguel Acevedo match, indefinitely postponed because of injuries suffered by the featherweight champion in a recent plane crash, was to have been the first of many such outstanding attractions.



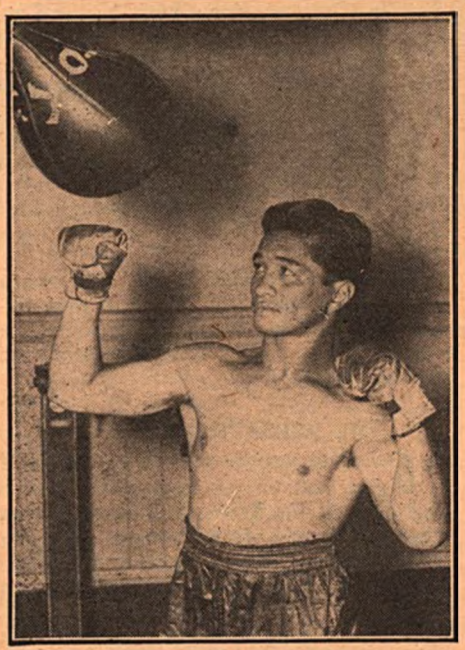
WALTER "PUA" KAHOOKELE
Undefeated featherweight who is rapidly developing into one of Hawaii's outstanding attractions.

Another sector where boxing is enjoying unprecedented popularity is Hawaii.

The leather-pushing sport has long been popular in the Islands, and that popularity increased remarkably during the recent war years, when thousands of our soldiers, sailors and marines were stationed there, and boxing tournaments became the GIs' chief form of diversion and relaxation.

The result has been the recognition of several native Hawaiian battlers as strong contenders for world championships, and the development of a fine crop of talented youngsters as likely bets for future titular discussions.

Among the already established Hawaiians is an outstanding bidder for the recently won laurels of the new 118-pound champion of the world, Harold Dade. In fact, before Dade's surprising victory over Manuel Ortiz in San Francisco, David Kui Kong



DADO MARINO
Former ranking flyweight, now grown into a bantam, is strong contender for world title.

Young, born in Honolulu of Chinese parents, was generally recognized as Ortiz's No. 1 challenger.

Another headliner is Dado Marino, one of the world's ranking flyweights.

Both Young and Marino are well-seasoned campaigners. David, in fact, has seen ring action not only in his native Hawaii, but in Texas, California and Australia. Young and Ortiz are no strangers. They have fought twice, with honors divided. Back in 1938, before Ortiz won the title, Young whipped him in Los Angeles, but last year, in a non-title fray in Honolulu, Manuel squared the score.

Dado's pugilistic activities have been confined almost exclusively to Honolulu rings, but he has faced many a top-ranking flyweight and bantam there during his career.

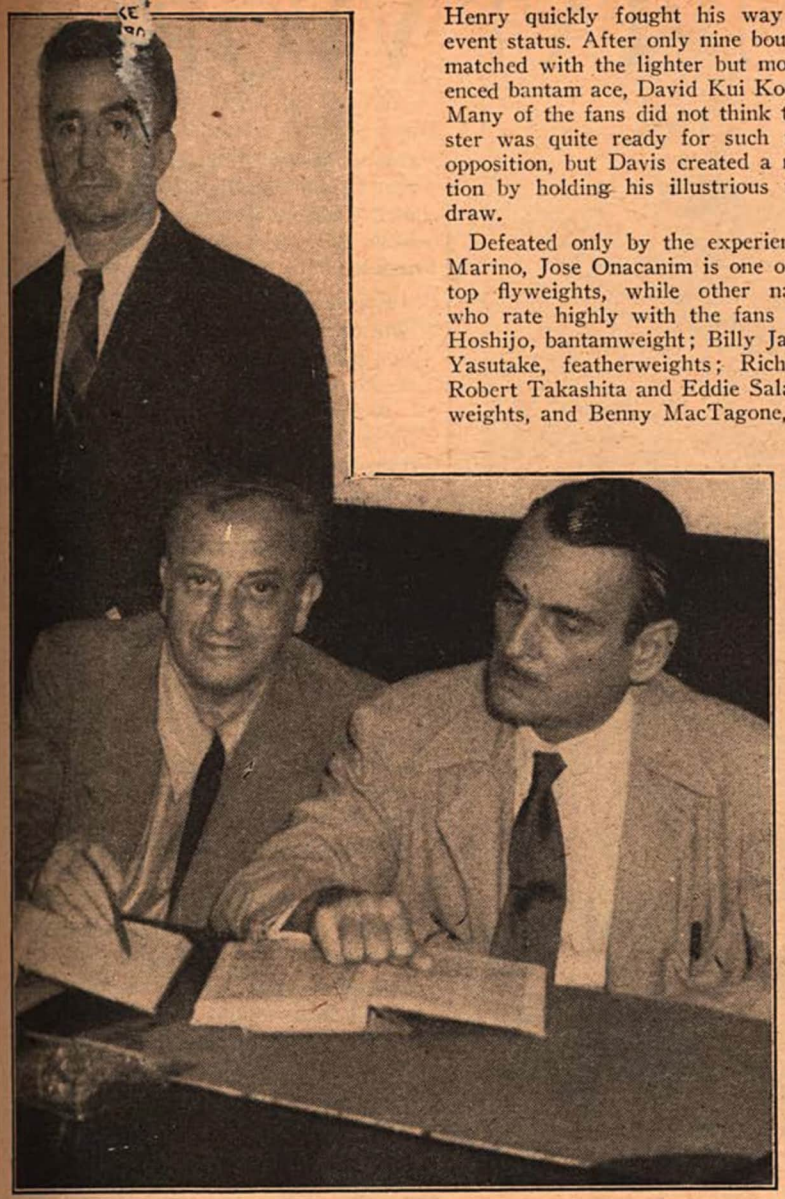
ANDY KIM
18-year-old former amateur star is one of brightest welterweight prospects in Hawaii.

Aside from Young and Marino, the majority of the outstanding favorites in Hawaii are recent developments, who began to attract serious attention only in the last year or two.

One of the best is Frankie Fernandez, a 140-pounder, who created something of a sensation last September by stopping the rugged Mexican, Nick Moran, in Honolulu. It was the first kayo chalked up against Moran, who had previously fought such good 'uns as Bob Montgomery, Ike Williams, Tippy Larkin and Jimmy Doyle, and had topped three Madison Square Garden cards. A product of the amateurs, Fernandez has yet to taste defeat in two years of professional competition. In fourteen starts, Frankie has registered eleven knockouts and three decisions, and Hawaiian fans already are envisioning a world champion in him.

Another youngster of whom much is expected is Andy Kim, born in Honolulu of Korean parentage. Only 18, Kim is a tall, rangy lad, standing 5 feet, 11 inches, and operates as a welterweight. A brilliant amateur, Andy was a member of the strong Hawaiian team that competed in the 1946 National A.A.U. championships in Boston. En route home, he turned professional in California, won two bouts there, and since his return to Honolulu has been a consistent winner.

Walter ("Pua") Kahookele, a feather-



Nat Fleischer, THE RING Editor (left), discusses Cuba's boxing boom with Luis Gutierrez, the Island's boxing commissioner, while Luis Godoy, manager of Manuel Acevedo, looks on.

weight, also has been making rapid strides along the boxing trail, and is a popular favorite with the Hawaiian fans. Unbeaten as an amateur, Kahookele became a pro in 1944, scored two knockouts, joined the Merchant Marine, engaged in four winning bouts while in India, and has accounted for two more triumphs since returning to his homeland.

The best of the middleweights, and one of the most popular of the box-office attractions, is 18-year-old Carl Olsen. Despite his youth, Olsen has already won the Territorial 160-pound championship. A thunderous puncher, Carl has chalked up seventeen knockouts in nineteen starts so far. It is a question, however, how much longer he will remain a middleweight. He is growing, and indications are that he will develop eventually into a heavyweight—something of a rarity on the Islands.

The outstanding featherweight attraction is Henry Davis, a young American, who has been adopted by Hawaiian fans as one of their own. Davis has come along in spectacular fashion. An unknown preliminary boy when he arrived in the Islands, Henry quickly fought his way to main-event status. After only nine bouts, he was matched with the lighter but more experienced bantam ace, David Kui Kong Young. Many of the fans did not think the youngster was quite ready for such formidable opposition, but Davis created a real sensation by holding his illustrious rival to a draw.

Defeated only by the experienced Dado Marino, Jose Onacanim is one of Hawaii's top flyweights, while other native boys who rate highly with the fans are Ankie Hoshijo, bantamweight; Billy James, Yasu Yasutake, featherweights; Richard Silva, Robert Takashita and Eddie Salazar, lightweights, and Benny MacTagone, Llewellyn Strohlin and Flashy Sebastian, welters.

Just how popular boxing is in Hawaii was indicated recently when Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, drew the amazing gate of $53,000 for an exhibition joust with his own sparring partner, Cleo Everett.

At the moment, negotiations are under way for several outstanding American ringmen to visit Hawaii and pit their skills against the native stars. One is Bob Montgomery, co-claimant with Ike Williams of the world lightweight championship. If present plans materialize, Montgomery will clash with Fernandez in March or April.

Honolulu is well equipped for major fistic promotions. Regular weekly shows are staged in the Civic Auditorium, which has a capacity of 5,000, while the spacious outdoor Honolulu Stadium is available for extraordinary attractions. The Stadium can accommodate 27,000 for baseball, football and other sports events, and could, if necessary, increase its capacity for a big fight by adding several thousand seats on the field.

The fact that Hawaii is a huge Army and Navy base is of tremendous help to the promoters.

NEVADA FISTIC NEWS
By CLARENCE HECKETHORN

PROMOTER DICK RUSSELL'S opening show, for 1947, staged in the War Memorial Auditorium, featured Irish Jackie McCoy of Los Angeles, Las Vegas' most popular boxer. McCoy met Kenji Nakasoni, a Japanese bantam recently out of the Army. Jackie won over the Oriental with ease. Nakasoni, tough and a gamester, went the distance, but receipted for an awful drubbing.

The little Irish boxer performed like a champion and copped all ten rounds. McCoy staggered the stocky Japanese battler on numerous occasions, but could not put him down. Kenji was a sorry looking battler at the finish, with both eyes swollen and bleeding from nose and mouth. However, in spite of the bout being one-sided, it was an interesting one and greatly enjoyed by the crowd, because of McCoy's skill and Nakasoni's aggressiveness and courage. The winner weighed 124, the loser 120.

In the six-round semi-windup to the McCoy-Nakasoni bout, Gaston Miller, 170, Las Vegas, was awarded an unpopular decision over Dale Hall, 185, Los Angeles Negro. Hall, too big and strong for Miller, was credited with four of the six rounds, but he tired and Gaston's determined finish caught the eye of the referee and one of the judges.

Henry Lowe, Las Vegas Negro heavyweight, won by T.K.O. over Tony DeHart, Los Angeles Negro, in the second round when the latter quit, presumedly because of an injured arm. Lowe was ahead at the time.

Frankie Antuna, Los Angeles Mexican middleweight, whipped up a bolo punch to the chin of Johnny Chase of Las Vegas in the first round and the local boxer took the full count.

Charley McMullen, Los Angeles Negro middleweight, sent Henry Woods, Negro boxer of Oakland, to the showers in the third round of the opener.

Dick Russell and associates are planning on building a sports stadium in Las Vegas this spring. The project will consist of a midget auto track, as well as an arena seating 4000, where basketball and wrestling, as well as boxing, will be staged. Las Vegas had but one boxing card this month, the other show having to be called off because of the illness of one of the contestants, Irish Jackie McCoy. Las Vegas fans would like to see their favorite against a fighter of Wilson's reputation or experience. It would draw well. Russell also seeks opponents for Bobby Yaeger, Los Angeles Negro welterweight, and Edgar Robinson, Phoenix, Ariz., Negro middleweight. Both have appeared in Las Vegas and were impressive. The promoter would like to match either against Frankie Russell, promising Los Angeles youngster.

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IN CUBAN FIGHT CLUBS
By DR. J. A. VIEITES

HERE are the results of every professional fight held in Cuba during January:

Oriente: Bombon Oriental, 133½, No. 1 contender for the lightweight title, scored a hard-earned victory over Orestes Diago, 135½, in a ten-rounder. Diago, an up-and-coming youngster, scored just a week ago over Jonas Fundora, reversing a previous defeat, in the same ring. In another ten-rounder, Wilfredo Mayet, 136, easily outpointed Fausto Jiménez, 134½. Diego Sosa, 125¼, chalked up his seventh consecutive victory at the expense of Ciro Moracén, 124½, also in ten.

Havana: Baby Coullimber, 146½, newly crowned welterweight champion, reversed a previous defeat over Hanking Barrows, Panamanian welter king, 149¼, in ten hard rounds. The Cuban floored Barrows in the first frame, and also had him in a bad way in the last two rounds.

Undefeated Wilfredo Miró, 136, the most distinguished novice of 1946, stopped José René Zorilla, 137½, in the third. Lorenzo Cabrera, 125, won a close six-rounder from Ciro Villa, a pound heavier. The rest of the program was semi-pro.

Havana: Gerardo (Kid) Gavilán, 145¾, making his first appearance since his triumphant return from New York, won each of the ten rounds from rugged Julio Pedroso, same weight.

Diego Sosa, 126, was held to a draw in the eight-rounder by a promising youngster, Orlando Zulueta, 124¾. Dámaso Collazo, 135½, another undefeated youngster, stopped Alfredo Castro, 140, in the first round, while Eduardo de la Torres, 129½, did the same to Saguita Kid, 130½, also in the first round.

Santa Clara: Zenobio Becerra, former featherweight contender, stopped Sojito Gonzales, a 126-pounder, in the third round after scoring two knockdowns. A week later Becerra was held to a ten-round draw by heavier Julian Varona in the same ring.

Becerra is a cagy veteran who has fought, among others, Baby Coullimber, Miguel Acevedo, National Kid, Lorenzo Safora, Mario Chico Morales.

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

A COPY of the Sydney, Australia, newspaper, *The Sun,* has just arrived on our desk, and it has an entire page devoted to the visiting Ambassador of grunt, Jim Londos. Billed as the world's heavyweight champion, Londos is setting new attendance records in the land Down Under.

It really is amazing how Londos has remained on the top as an attraction for over two decades, and how his tremendous popularity seems to be growing instead of falling off. The beautifully built Greek must possess certain qualities which no other wrestler has ever attained.

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NEWS AROUND THE WORLD: Frank Sexton is packing them in around Buffalo. . . . Kola Kwariani, veteran Russian, is still a popular showman. . . . A biography of Tiger Joe Marsh recently was published. . . . Carnera still the hottest thing in the game. He surprised patrons with his knowledge of mat tricks and holds. The Swedish Angel is a big hit on the Coast. When the 640-pound Blimp (Martin Levy) was married to a 110-pound Denver girl, it made the sport pages throughout the nation. The Blimp's measurements go something like this: chest, four feet, ten inches; waist, six feet, ten inches; seat, seven feet; knee, four feet; thigh, thirty-nine inches.

Texas seems to be the hottest spot in the country for the mat sport. Most of the big timers have appeared in the Lone Star State during the past year and a banner season is predicted for 1947.

Sandor Szabo and Ray Steele, two veterans who made a fortune from wrestling, are still at it in the Mid-West. During the years 1934 through 1937, Jim Londos drew an estimated $600,000 in matches held in Detroit alone. In 1937 Londos drew $47,000 in bouts with Ali Baba.

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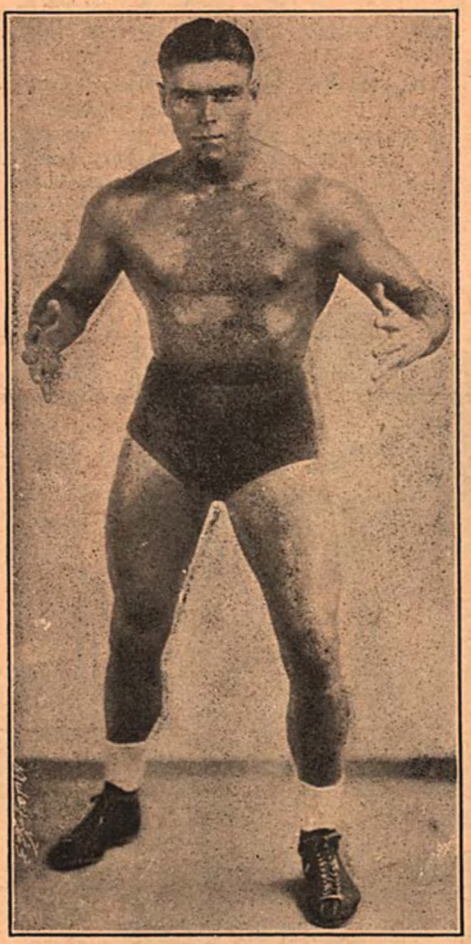
RECENTLY in Detroit, Primo Carnera met Joe Dusek. In a ringside seat was none other than Maxie Baer, who dethroned Primo back in 1934. It was the first time the two giants had met since their hectic bout. Max, always the master showman, stole the show with his yells and cat calls. Baer was ready to jump into the ring when Dusek began to bop poor Carnera with elbow smashes.

Seated a little way behind Baer was his stage partner, Maxie Rosenbloom. The latter, naturally, was rooting for Dusek. What a double attraction it turned out to be! Need we add that Primo won the match. Time 32 minutes. Carnera announced his goal was to bank 100 grand from his wrestling activities.



Frank Sexton, one of the better wrestlers of the decade, who has a large following.

Eugene Tremblay, who was a great lightweight grappler some forty years ago, passed away in Montreal at the age of 68.

Word reaches us from Boston that Steve Casey is in a hospital suffering from a paralysis that in all probability will end his mat career.

While driving to the Boston Arena Steve complained that his right leg felt numb. He was rushed to the hospital and his physician said an operation would be necessary to relieve the painful pressure on his spine. The doctor said he doubted if Casey would ever wrestle again.

That is indeed sad news to all wrestling fans for Casey is a true sportsman and a fine gentleman at all times.

Ed "Strangler" Lewis has a new business. He is touring the nation selling exercising machine devices to build up the body.

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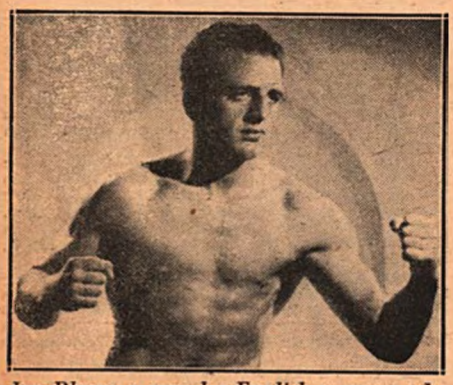
WRESTLING NEWS from Hawaii, sent by Ted Yamachika, our correspondent: Jim Londos, claimant to the world's heavyweight wrestling title, once again proved his tremendous popularity in the Islands by performing twice to packed houses on successive Sundays at the local Civic Auditorium. No newcomer to Honolulu, Londos first performed here more than seven years ago against the then Hawaiian champion Oki Shikina and Vic Christy. This time Londos was on his way back to the mainland from a successful campaign in Australia when induced by Promoter Al Karasick to make his appearance here.

Incidentally, Londos and Karasick started in wrestling at just about the same time while they were both in San Francisco. Londos went ahead and won the world's heavyweight title while Karasick once held the light-heavyweight diadem.

In his first match, Londos defeated Abe "King Kong" Kashey, a Syrian star who has been going great guns here. Londos, a bit slower but still as powerful as ever, needed but one fall to end the match. After 30 minutes of grappling, during which time Kashey rough-housed the champion and held him on even terms, Londos threw Kashey with a ter-



Jan Blears, a popular English matman who is making a hit in this country.

Sandor Kovacs, a speedy youngster who knows his holds.

rific pile driver. Kashey was so badly shaken up that he was unable to continue.

In his second match, Londos met Pacific Coast and Hawaiian champion Lee Grable in a non-title bout. Grable, with speed and youth in his favor, gave Jimmy a rough going over and more than held his own against his more experienced foe. In fact, quite a number of the fans were of the opinion that Grable held a slight edge at the time Referee Charley Shiranuhi stopped the bout after Grable had suffered a deep gash over his right eye.

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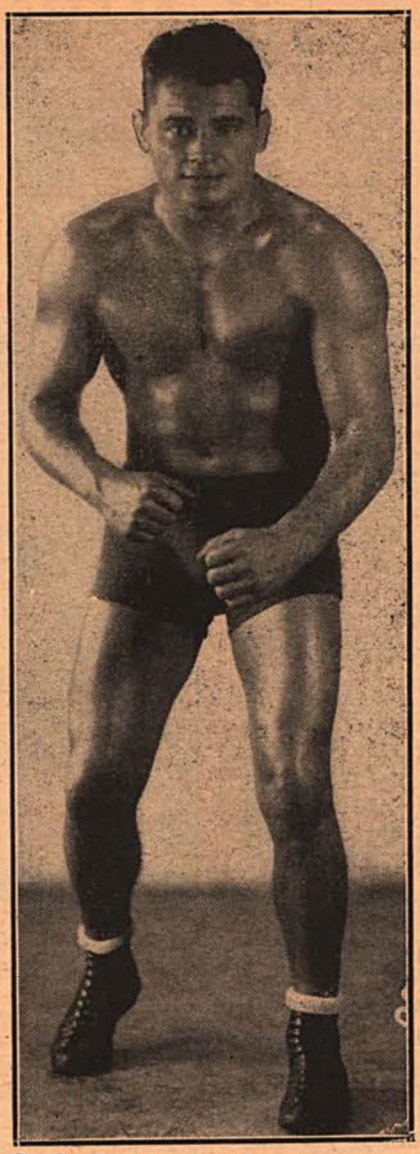
AT a recent wrestling show veteran Charley Carr, former Hawaiian champion, and Jack Kiser, recent arrival here, put on a demonstration of 51 different wrestling holds. The demonstration, which took all of 25 minutes, started out with ordinary holds like the double wristlock and arm bar and ended with complicated holds like the crucifix and the alligator clutch.

This demonstration proved very popular and instructive to the fans, who gave the performers a huge ovation when it was over. Moreover, these fans who were fortunate enough to watch the exhibition are now better able to appreciate the finer points of wrestling.

The latest rating of wrestlers performing in Honolulu puts Lee Grable at the top of the list, followed by Ben Sherman, alias the Scarlet Pimpernal, Vilai Su'a, Jimmy Gonsalves, Kaimon Kudo, Charley Carr, Jacque Manuel, Jack Kiser and Ben Pilar. Roughest of them all is Jacque Manuel, while Sivko Sumonovich may be considered the most improved. The latter started wrestling in 1946 and in the space of six or seven months has developed from a preliminary performer to a top-notcher.



Sandor Szabo, a veteran now performing in the Mid-West.

1946 was a big year for wrestling in Hawaii. Some of the outstanding grapplers who performed here are Bucky O'Neill, Sammy Cohen, Harry Dellis, Billy Venable, Tex Porter, Stan Skieski and Johnny Stiles among others.

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TWO young wrestlers dropped into THE RING Office recently to present their cases. What we liked most was their clean-cut appearance and their straightforward attitude.

Sandor Kovacs, a light-heavyweight with a good record and loads of ability, has been wrestling around the East for the past few months and his style is enjoyed by the onlookers. Sandor was born in Hungary twenty-five years ago. He first came to the United States in 1936. He is a pupil of Cliff Chilcott, the former Canadian champion.

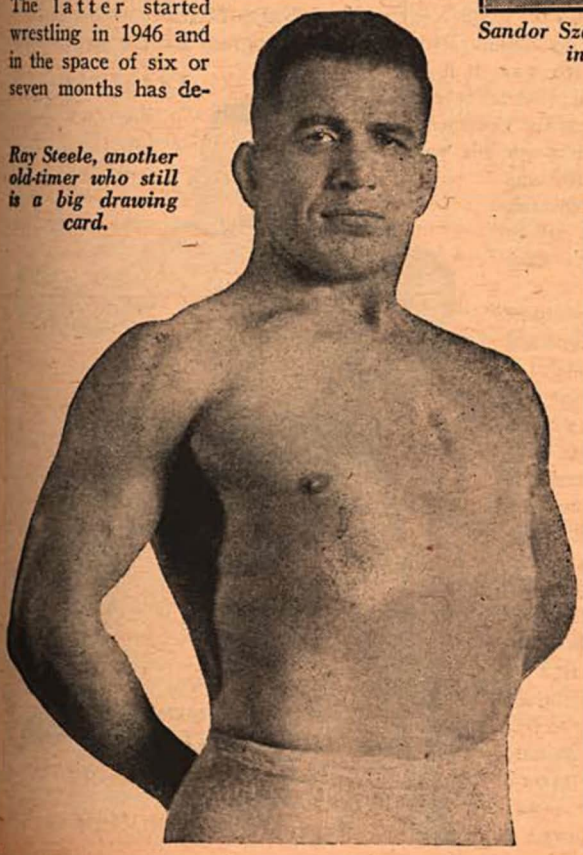
After five years as an amateur in addition to being a track and field star, Kovacs got his opportunity to turn professional under the direction of Frank Tunney, Toronto wrestling impresario. The war called a halt to his career and he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy, in which he served for three years.

Upon his discharge, he returned to the ring and resumed wrestling in Eastern Canadian and Detroit circuits, until he received a shoulder injury that put him on the shelf for some time.

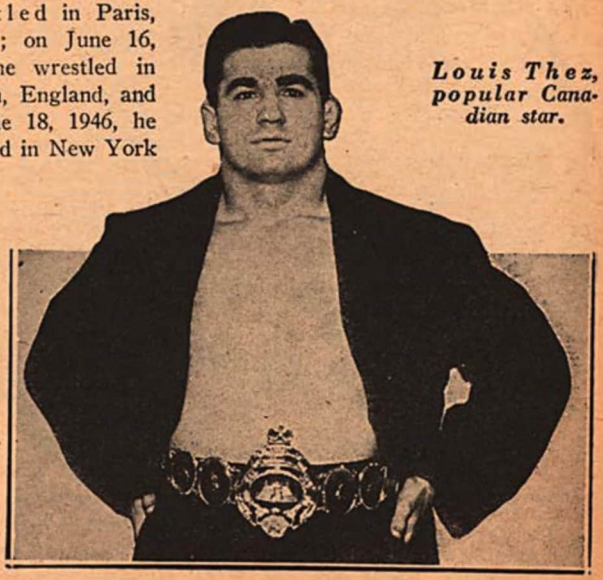
After recuperating, he returned once more determined to reach the top. He has met all the top notchers with good success. He is fast as a cat and knows all the holds and tricks of the trade—requirements of a first-class matman.

The other youngster we have reference to is one Jan Blears. Jan is the Junior Heavyweight Champion of England and the first Britisher to come here since the end of the war. Jan has toured the world meeting all comers. Since his arrival in the States he has been in demand for return performances at most of the clubs he has shown.

To give you an idea of how Blears gets around, listen to this: On June 14, 1946, he wrestled in Paris, France; on June 16, 1946, he wrestled in London, England, and on June 18, 1946, he wrestled in New York



Ray Steele, another old-timer who still is a big drawing card.



Louis Thez, popular Canadian star.

Sammy Menacher, shown here in his Army uniform, is a great thrill provider.

City. That, you must admit, is getting around.

Although Jan tips the beams at only 190 pounds he specializes in making much heavier men say Uncle. His pet hold is a thing called the Victory hold. Since his arrival in the States Jan is billed as Britain's Ambassador of good will.

Blears reported on wrestling in England, stating that there are fifteen clubs running in London alone. There is also a trend in European countries for wrestlers to tour foreign nations. The English are showing their wares in Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, etc.

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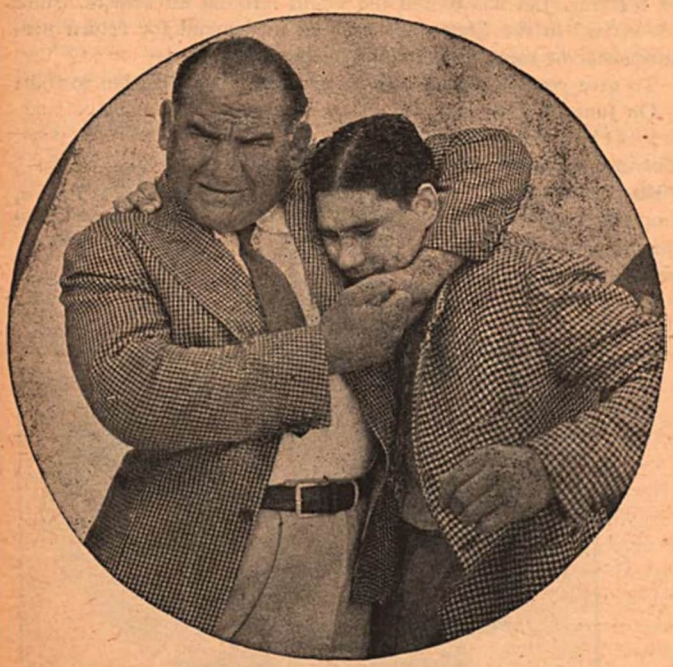
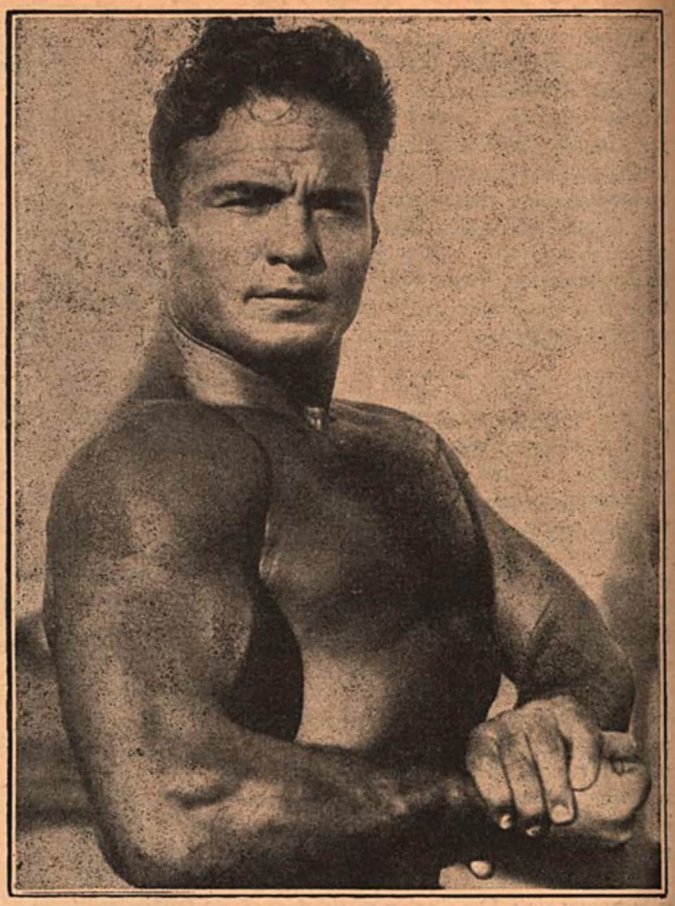
THIS might easily be a "success story," or "How to reach the top by pulling on your own boot straps." But actually, it's just a side-view of the history of Sammy Menacher, one of our most popular wrestlers. Sammy is just 32, but has been wrestling 11 years, during which time he has had more than 1,000 matches and has met the best in the business with a well-deserved degree of success. He's not a champion, but those who have seen him, know that he's as good as they come. Mild-mannered out of the ring, Sammy has the distinction of being a "gentleman" in everything he undertakes. But the "boot strap" item is the interesting one. Sammy, like thousands of other Americans, put his trunks aside in 1941 and donned the khaki of Uncle Sam as a private.

When he put his trunks back on again in January of this year, he retired from the Army with the rank of Major. He started his military career in the Anti-Aircraft Artillery, gradually worked up until he was transferred to the Army Service Forces for special duty. In that capacity, he entertained thousands of hospital patients. Stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, Sammy was chief of physical training. He operated a school for officers and



Ed "Strangler" Lewis, who has turned salesman and referee.

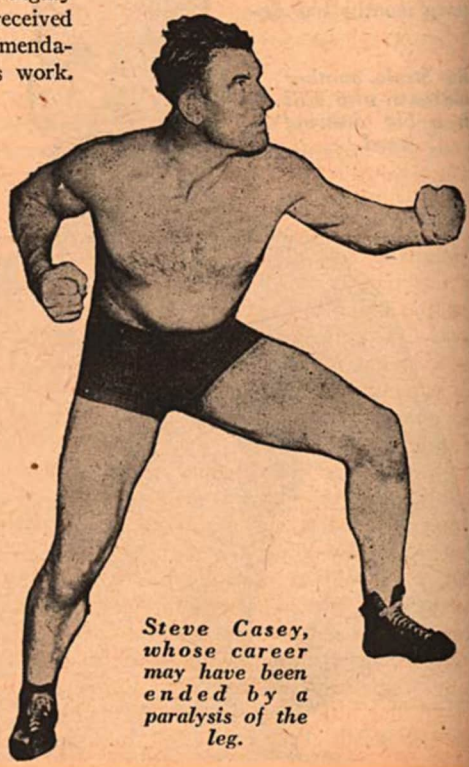


Jim Londos, who is now touring the world and meeting with great receptions everywhere he appears.

enlisted men who were sent there to learn to be physical education instructors for the Army. He taught them hand-to-hand fighting, judo and a host of other things which earned him the Army Commendation Ribbon. Later he was transferred to Camp Pleuche, Louisiana, to teach leadership to the Negro soldiers stationed there. With the great Negro athlete, Ralph Metcalfe, as his assistant, Sammy inaugurated an athletic program for the Negro soldiers which was so highly successful, that he received another Army Commendation Ribbon for his work. His system was so successful, that it is still in use by the Army.

Sammy's pet hobby is card tricks. He's a member of the Society of American Magicians, and is ranked among the top manipulators of the pasteboards.

His hobby served him nicely when the wounded started returning to this country. Sammy put on more than 400 shows for the boys.



Steve Casey, whose career may have been ended by a paralysis of the leg.

From Prelims *to* Bantam King *in* Six Months

By HARRY WINKLER

FROM an obscure preliminary fighter to a champion of the world in six months is the remarkable record of Harold Dade, who ushered in 1947 by winning the bantamweight title from the veteran Manuel Ortiz in San Francisco.

But Dade's sudden rise to the heights, while perhaps surprising to the world at large, was no surprise to this writer, who had been praising the youngster in the "Sunny California" column for nearly a year. As far back as last May, I stated it was doubtful if anyone his weight in the state could beat him. I enthused over his easy defeat of Juan Leanos, even though the majority of the "experts" refused to be impressed by his style. It was not until his decisive win over Joey Dolan at Portland, Ore., that Dade really received the recognition justly due him. That was only three weeks before the bout with Ortiz.

At that, Harold was conceded little chance with the bantam champion, the prevailing odds being 10 to 1 against him, and when this writer voiced the opinion that the little Negro should be no worse than a 2 to 1 bet, I was regarded in the same light as the guy who claims to be Napoleon.

But Dade was given his opportunity, and he made good.

The new champion is a bundle of class. He is fast. He darts in and out with the quickness of a fox terrier. He is not a heavy hitter, but his blows are so well timed and accurately placed that they hurt and stagger his opponents, and he has scored his share of kayo victories. He is shifty and elusive, tossing punches from all angles. In short, he has lots of stuff, and doesn't let any of it get rusty.

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A PLEASANT, soft-spoken gentlemanly little fellow, Dade was born in Chicago on March 24, 1923. A product of the C. Y. O., he boxed as an amateur in the Windy City for three years, and was twice winner of the National Golden Gloves flyweight title, in 1940 and 1941. Ready to turn professional, he realized the best field for him was California, where little fellows are popular, so he headed westward and made his pro debut in Los Angeles.

He was hardly under way, however, when the war interrupted his fistic career, and he served three years in the Marines, most of that time in the Pacific. Upon his discharge, he resumed his leather-pushing in California. To date he has had only twenty-two bouts as a professional, winning twenty-one of them. Incidentally, he never has fought as a pro in his home town, Chicago, where his parents still live. His dad is a dry cleaner, and Harold is one of seven children, four girls and three boys.

Dade is co-managed by the astute Gus Wilson, who, until recently, gave very little time and interest to the little Negro. Wilson manages numerous main-event boxers, and they kept him hopping around, flying to and fro between such widely separated centers as New York, Los Angeles, New Orleans and Honolulu. But, while Wilson generally was too busy to pay much attention to Dade, Harold's devoted trainer, Arthur (Duke) Holloway, kept the youngster in good spirits and excellent condition, and succeeded in procuring bouts often enough to keep him active.

But Dade will not lack for Wilson's personal attention any longer. The little Negro is now the apple of Gus's eye, for he is the first world champion Wilson ever managed.

Bantamweight King Harold Dade, first new champion to be crowned in 1947.

THERE are liable to be interesting repercussions from Dade's victory over Ortiz. For one thing, the transfer of the title has already revived interest in a division that had become almost extinct in many sections of the boxing world.

Time was, and not so long ago, that the 118-pound class was tremendously popular. Through the years, from the turn of the century, the division produced such greats as George Dixon, Terry McGovern, Jimmy Barry, Johnny Coulon, Kid Williams, Johnny (Kewpie) Ertle, Pete Herman, Joe Lynch, Jack Sharkey, Memphis Pal Moore, Johnny Buff, Midget Smith, Joe Burman, Charley Ledoux, Earl Puryear, Carl Tremaine and others who wrote some of the most colorful chapters in boxing annals.

In recent years, however, interest has been at a low ebb in the bantam ranks, and only in isolated spots have the little fellows been popular. Because of Ortiz, California has been one of the few good centers of bantam activity. Throughout the rest of the United States, the tiny tikes have been practically null and void. But it wouldn't be at all surprising now if there is a general resurgence of activity by them. A new champion always helps to stir up the public's interest in a fistic class.

Dade doesn't figure to lack for challengers. Ortiz, of course, will be taken care of in a return match, and from Honolulu have come blistering defies in behalf of David Kui Kong Young, the Chinese-Hawaiian star, who, until Ortiz's defeat by Dade, was recognized by both THE RING and the National Boxing Association as Manuel's No. 1 rival.

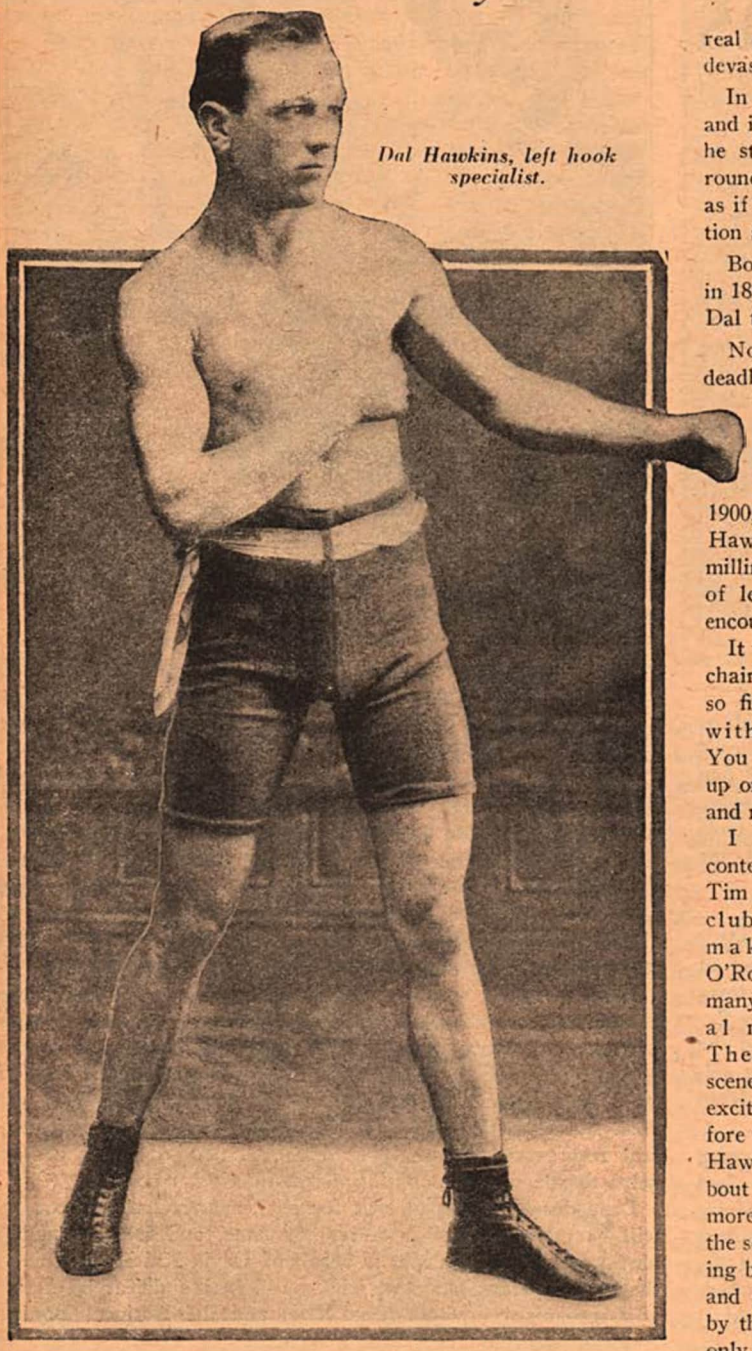
Dade not only faces the challenges of Ortiz and Young, but Europe has come up with several boys who are making strong bids for international recognition. One is Theo Medina, the little Frenchman, who holds the European championship. Another Frenchman who seems to be coming fast is Georges (Mickey) Mousse. Belgium has a strong contender in Joe Cornelis. England has two strong candidates in the veteran Peter Kane and the youngster Stan Rowan, while Australia is making threatening gestures with Mickey Francis.

There is no reason why the bantam class shouldn't again be popular with American fans. After all, it's action that the clients crave, and the speedy little fellows certainly know how to give it.

GANS *AT HIS* PEAK

Lightweight Marvel's Two Knockout Victories Over Dal Hawkins in 1900 Stand Out Among Ring Sagas of Fistic History

By DANIEL M. DANIEL



Dal Hawkins, left hook specialist.

THE annals of the ring contain no more illustrious name, perhaps, than that of Joe Gans, the famous Baltimore Negro, who is considered by many to have been the greatest of all the lightweight champions. The exploits of Gans, known as the "Old Master" of the roped arena, were numerous and extraordinary, but nothing in the career of the Baltimore Negro is more interesting than his two knockout victories over Dal Hawkins, celebrated exponent of the left hook, back in 1900.

Joe stopped Dal on both occasions, the first time in two rounds and the second in three, but Gans had to show his mettle as a real champion, for he got in the way of a couple of Hawkins' devastating lefts that came very close to reversing the verdict.

In the first bout Dal connected with the first punch he started, and in the opening round had Gans on the floor taking a count as he strove to gather together his scattered senses. In the third round of the second bout, Gans was again in distress, and looked as if he would fall victim of a knockout, only to change the situation suddenly by knocking out the left-hook specialist.

Both bouts followed Hawkins' fifteen-round victory over Gans in 1896, and it required two knockouts to convince the hard-hitting Dal that the clever Negro was his master.

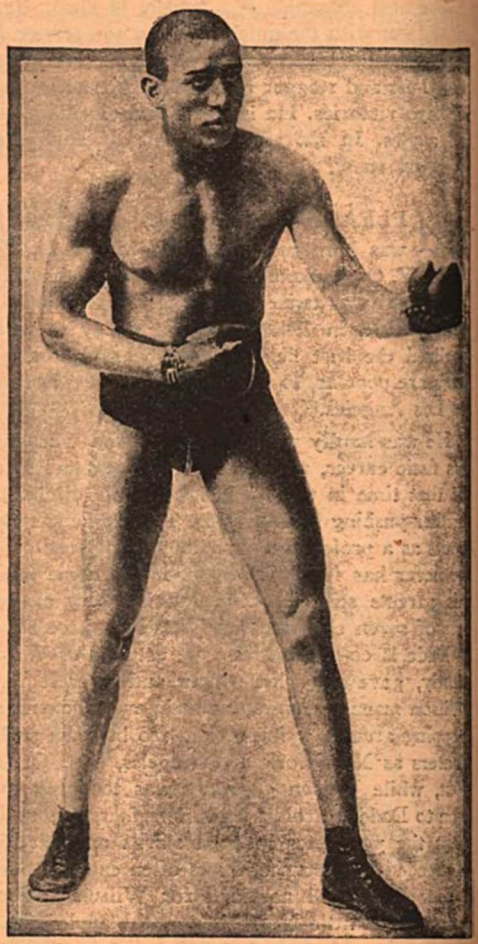
Not many fighters got up after they had been dropped by Dal's deadly left. Martin Flaherty, Eddie Connelly, Kid McPartland and many others listened to the birdies after he socked them, but Gans possessed just the mixture of stuff to overcome and surmount this obstacle.

The first time Dal and Joe had a party was May 25, 1900, and it was over in less than two rounds. Gans knocked Hawkins cold after two minutes and fourteen seconds of terrific milling in the second heat. More action took place in that period of less than six minutes than ordinarily is viewed in 100 ring encounters.

It was one of those contests which had the spectators up in their chairs and yelling like mad from the first clang of the bell, a bout so fierce and palpitating that you couldn't sit still and view it with calmness. You had to get up on your feet and roar.

I saw many contests in Big Tim Sullivan's club. Matchmaker Tom O'Rourke staged many sensational matches. There I saw scenes of wild excitement before the first Hawkins - Gans bout and a lot more right up to the second meeting between Dal and Joe, which, by the way, not only was the last bout staged in the Broadway A.C. but the last contest held under the old Horton law.

The second engagement between Hawkins and Gans was fought at the Broadway A.C.



Joe Gans, the "Old Master."

Kid Broad, who seconded Gans in his battles with Hawkins.

on the night of August 31, 1900. The repeal of the Horton law went into effect at midnight the same night.

On the previous evening, August 30, 1900, Jim Corbett and Kid McCoy had met in the fiasco in Madison Square Garden. The curtain was lowered on the old Horton law with the second Gans-Hawkins bout at the Broadway A.C.

It was the first meeting between the two at the Broadway A.C. which produced the battle of battles, however. The bout about which I am writing, the second contest, which Gans won with a knockout in the third, was a good one, but it couldn't be compared with the former clash between the two. That first meeting took place on May 25, 1900.

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THE men were scheduled to go twenty-five rounds, and weighed in at three o'clock at 133 pounds. Both men made the weight. Despite the fact there were several other shows scheduled that night and five other clubs were operating the next evening more than 5,000 persons thronged the building. The odds were 5 to 8 on Gans.

Al Herford, Harry Lyons and "Sooner" Temple were in the Old Master's corner. Hawkins was handled by Dan Creedon, Dave Sullivan and Jack Shimler.

Everyone is familiar with the ring wizardry of Gans, a wonderful two fisted fighting man with a knockout punch in either hand, a splendid timer and judge of distance and consummate ring general. I've never seen a man before or since who wasted less energy than Gans. Every move or act was made for a purpose.

Hawkins will be remembered as the man with the fastest, craftiest and hardest hitting left hand in the annals of the squared circle. No master fencer wielded an ancient Damascus blade with greater skill, science and effect than Dal Hawkins did his left fist.

The fact that he was strictly a one handed fighter kept the Californian from becoming world's champion. So wonderful a left hand did he possess, however, that he whipped many great two handed fighters.

Hawkins' crafty left hand came within an eyelash of winning over the great Gans by a knockout before the echo of the opening gong scarcely had died away.

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THE gong clanged and the men came out of their corners. They scarcely had got within range of each other before Dal's left flashed forth like a striking rattler. It nailed Gans on the cheek bone and sent him crashing to the canvas. The punch was so powerful that it split a gash under the Old Master's eye and dropped him like a log.

But it was too high, and at the count of seven, Joe staggered to his feet. Had the punch been a couple of inches lower it certainly would have knocked the Old Master stone cold.

Gans attempted to clinch, but Hawkins fought himself free. Joe came back quickly. Rendered desperate by the knockdown, he mixed things fiercely with Hawkins. The pair fought like bulldogs, with the spectators rising in their chairs in a frenzy of excitement. Back and forth across the ring battled the two, each putting everything he had behind his blows and striving desperately to knock out the other.

Time and again Hawkins' wonderful left was buried wrist deep in the Old Master's mid-section. Dal drove in his left with the accuracy of a sharpshooter's bullet. In the meantime, Joe was pumping lefts and rights to heart, wind and jaw.

Finally in the midst of a fierce exchange, Gans crossed on Dal's left with a terrific right, and the Californian went down as if hit with a bullet. His head struck the floor with a resounding thump, and it looked as if he was out for keeps. But at seven Dal was on one knee and at nine he tottered to his feet.

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HAWKINS fell into a clinch. After the break Dal lashed out with his left, beating Gans to the punch. It saved the Californian's scalp, for it temporarily took the teeth out of Joe's offensive and prevented him from taking advantage of the effects of his knockdown punch. Hawkins came back and the pair were slugging each other about the ring at the bell.

In between rounds each boxer was warned to box more cautiously. Gans obeyed the instructions. Hawkins did not. It cost him the battle.

For a few seconds the pair fiddled about cautiously in the second. Then Hawkins' left flashed to the face. Again and again Dal's port paw went home. Covering up, Gans bored in and rushed Hawkins to the ropes. Dal broke free, and there was a lively exchange at ring center.

Hawkins had the better of it. He repeatedly rocked Gans with his left. Growing confident, Dal opened wide up and pumped punch after punch into the Negro's face and body. Joe was baiting the trap.

The Old Master craftily was pulling Hawkins on. While the crowd was roaring for Hawkins to flatten the Negro, Joe caught Dal wide open and sent him back on his heels with a stiff right.

A left hook to the jaw followed in the wake of the right hander. Then, before Hawkins could recover, Joe hurled his right flush to the jaw.

It knocked Hawkins colder than the proverbial mackerel. Referee White counted out the Californian and proclaimed Gans the winner amid the wildest excitement.

It will be a long time before we see such bursts of cyclonic milling as Joe Gans and Dal Hawkins crowded into two short rounds at the old Broadway A.C. that memorable May evening.

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DAL wasn't convinced that Joe was the better man, and the dispute's outcome was their second match which took place at the same club on the night of Aug. 31, 1900. The picture, before the end of the third round, showed Dal stretched out senseless with his game and scientific opponent standing over him triumphant. But there again the decisive result was not attained by Joe until after he had felt the deadly power of Dal's left hand. He had the Baltimorean swimming in a sea of semi-insensibility only ten seconds before Joe uncorked a sharp right hook to the point of the jaw.

The battlers met under conditions similar to those of their first encounter, but the contest was not quite as fiercely fought as their introductory meeting. Those who had figured Hawkins as a potential master of Gans got their thrills. But Joe was the victor again.

Both fought carefully in the opening round. Hawkins tried repeatedly for the head, but Gans' blocking was perfect.

In the second round, the boys warmed up to their work and each scored heavily on the head. Both missed repeatedly in their anxiety to land, but the round ended *(Continued on page 35)*

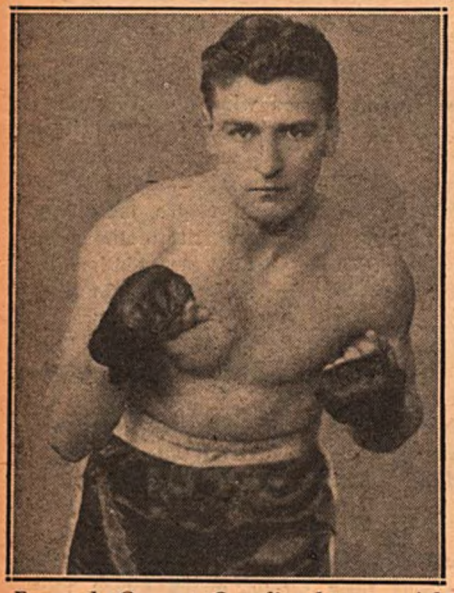
CANADIANS RATE AMONG *the* BEST

By NAT LOUBET

IN recent years Canada has not been any too prolific in producing boxers of the stamp that gave her a place in the pugilistic sun in the days of her immortals—George Dixon, Sam Langford, Eddie Connelly, Johnny McIntyre, Frankie Fleming, and Johnny McLarnin.

However, Canada has awakened and once again seeks the spotlight in the boxing world. Foremost among her warriors of the squared circle today are Johnny Greco, Dave Castilloux, Harry Hurst, Gus Mell and Fernando Gagnon.

Greco is the Dominion of Canada's 24-year-old welterweight king who was defeated over the ten-round route in New York's Madison Square Garden by Tony Pellone last November. Greco and Tony Janiro ran the course three times, with Greco taking the nod on two of the occasions, and in his last ring appearance at Montreal he defeated Freddie Archer in a ten-session mill. Johnny has been slugging it out in pro circles since 1940, and with the exception of two years spent in the Canadian Army, has continuously tossed



Fernando Gagnon, Canadian bantamweight champion.

leather in 64 contests, of which he has won 52 and lost nine, while gaining a draw thrice.

In THE RING'S annual rating Johnny is slated as the number eight welterweight of the world.

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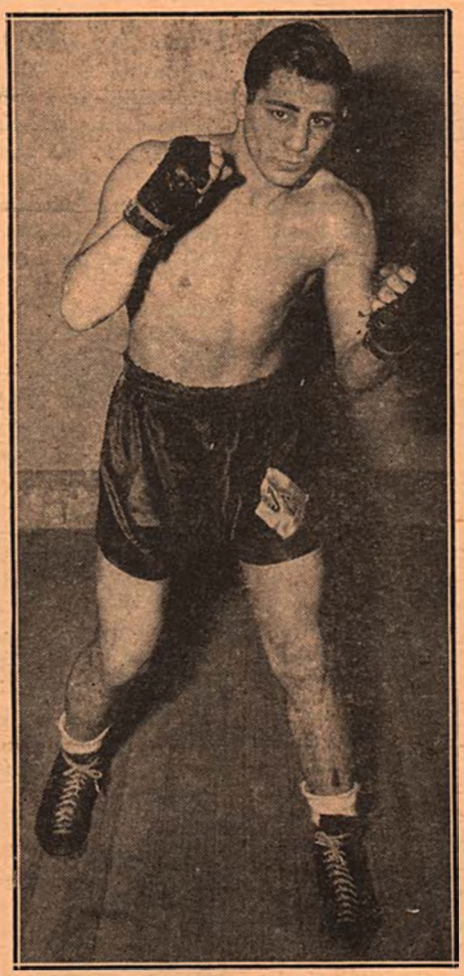
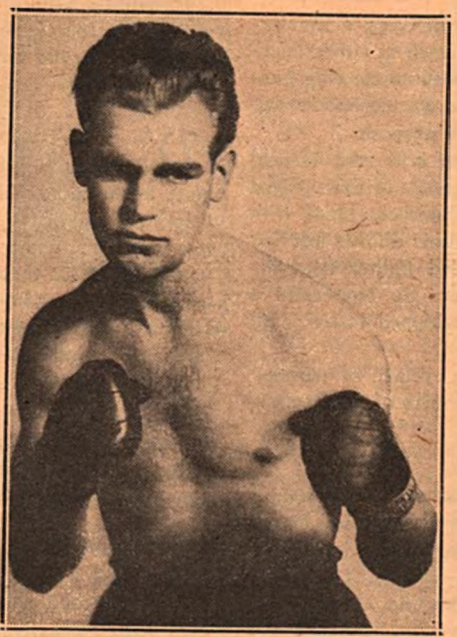
FERNANDO GAGNON is the bantamweight champion of Canada and was nominated by this magazine in its yearly ratings as the 12th best bantamweight in the world for 1946.

Gagnon was born of French ancestry at D'Israeli, Quebec, Canada, in 1924. During World War II he served in the Canadian Army in the capacity of a sergeant instructor.

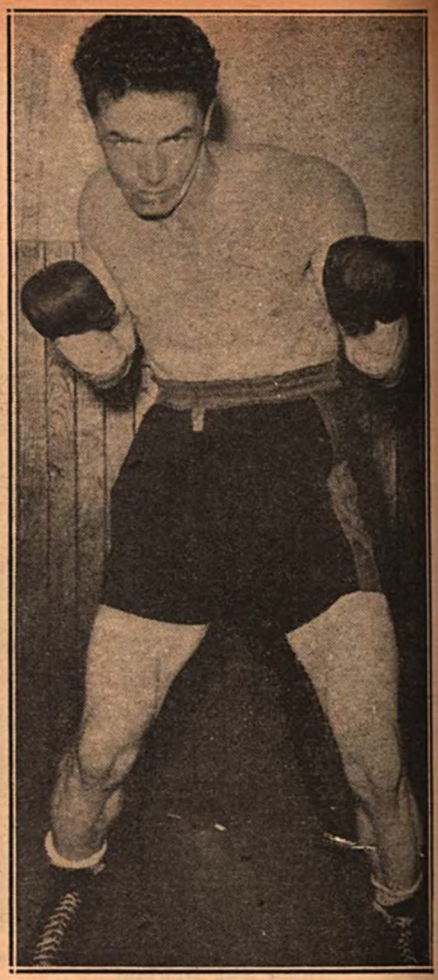
Fernando's first fistic triumph was as an amateur in 1942 when he won the Quebec



Outstanding boxer from across the border is welterweight Johnny Greco.



Romeo Ouimet, 24 years old, is a new face in the lightweight ranks.



Jackie Turner, Vancouver bantam, who has been boxing a little over a year.

Golden Gloves tournament of that city. In 1943 his manager, Captain Bouchard, felt that his charge was ready for the professionals. Since then Gagnon has rolled up an enviable record. He boasts of 19 bouts with only one defeat and two draws listed.

Canada's contributions to the boxing fraternity are greater than might be imagined at first glance. It is true that she has little to offer in "big boys," but her "small" leather pushers are many and often heard from in the ring.

Among the smaller boys, Canada has plenty of top-notch material as is exemplified by the number of her boxers who attained high standing in THE RING annual ratings.

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IN the middleweight division, Irish Mickey Doyle was listed in group one, while Phil Palmer and Harry Hurst made group one in the welterweight division. High in the lightweight class, Patsy Brandino and Gus Mell took their places in group one. The featherweight section honored Canada's favorite son, Spider Armstrong. He was rated as the eighth best world feather. Lou Alter and Danny Webb, both of Montreal, garnered places in group one of that division. Canada again showed her wares in the bantamweight class where Kenny Lindsay and Jackie Turner, both of Vancouver, were grouped in the first division.

Canada's future fistiana is bright not only because of her rated fighters, but because of others who are making the grade.

There's Jimmy Callura, featherweight from Montreal, who has been campaign-

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NEW FACES

By HARVEY BRIGHT

Clyde Small, bantamweight from Philadelphia.

CLYDE SMALL

ON November 26, 1946, Clyde Small, 18-year-old, 118-pounder, made his professional entry into the roped square and to date has punched out four straight wins, two via the kayo route. Small knocked out Frankie San in four heats in his first pro bout and then went on in his next engagement to put the chiller on Sammy Chernoff in three. In his last two trips to the post Clyde took a unanimous decision from Oscar Britton and defeated Tommy Trout.

Small is a high school student who has much to learn, but his manager, Joe Patti, intends to see that he learns the ropes the right way, going up.

FREDDY BESHORE

GOOD heavyweights are a rarity these days and each newcomer who enters the pro ranks with sufficient poundage to make that division is closely watched to ascertain his possibilities.

Among the newcomers is Freddy Beshore, a 24-year-old six-footer from the Pacific Coast, who is expected to show in the East some time this year. Since his professional debut last April, Freddy boasts a perfect record of 12 wins in as many starts.

As "One Shot" Ross, his manager, puts it, "Battling Beshore is the cayuse that has never been rode."

Beshore has defeated Bill McClure, Nick Moreno, Jack Glover, Horace Thompson, Carlton Perry twice and Babe Edwards.

Freddy is a busy body who uses both hands. He is still green but with more experience he should go places.

Freddy Beshore, Pacific Coast heavyweight, who is expected to make the grade.

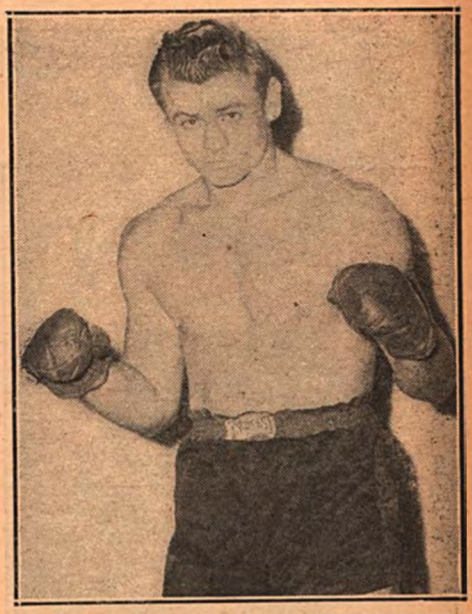
Irish Jimmy Sanders, Warren, Ohio, welterweight.

IRISH JIMMY SANDERS

CAREFULLY nursed along as an amateur, Jimmy Sanders was about ready to try his luck in professional competition when the war broke out, and he enlisted in the Navy. After four years aboard a minesweeper in the South Pacific, the Warren, Ohio, youngster resumed his ring career, and in fourteen starts to date he has been defeated only by experienced Henry Polowitzer and Bolton Ford. In his last outing, Irish Jimmy whipped Johnny Chatmon. Manager Jack Thompson is confident his protege is headed for prominent places in the welterweight division.

MIKE BIRSKOVICH

WITH only fifteen fights to his credit, Mike Birskovich, Niles, Ohio, middleweight, was rated in group one in THE RING Magazine's annual rating of boxers. Previously in the November issue of THE RING he had been selected as the middleweight prospect of the month.



Hailing from Niles, Ohio, Mike Birskovich, promising middleweight of the newer crop.

Birskovich began his professional career as a leather thumper in February of last year, following his return from three years of Navy service in the South Pacific. Since then he has chalked up seven kayoes, four decisions, one draw to three losses.

Mike is a twenty-three-year-old knuckler with a good right hand, which attribute has been a main factor in his knockouts of Irish Billy Walker, Russ Baxter, Jay Paganelli, Rosey Pope, Jack McCahill, Billy Shaw, and Eddie Miller. He holds decisions over Billy Bengal, Charley "Young" Zivic, King Freeman and Al Burton. Mike fought

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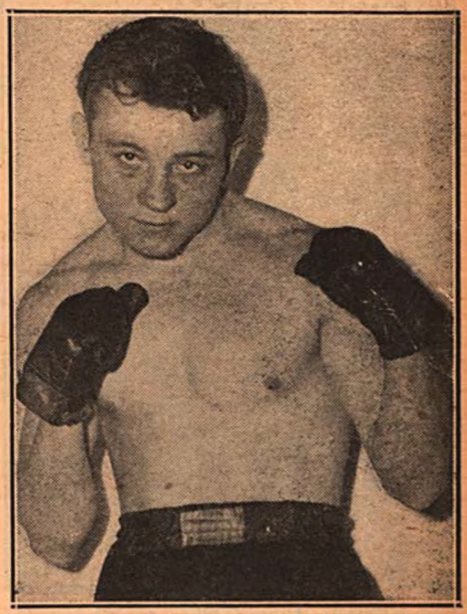
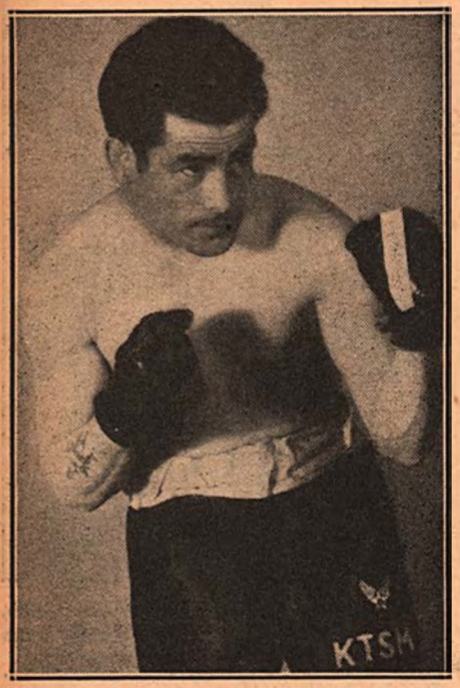


Greenwich Village, N. Y., has a likely-looking youngster in welterweight Paddy Young.

THE CROWD-PLEASERS

By EDDIE MERRILL

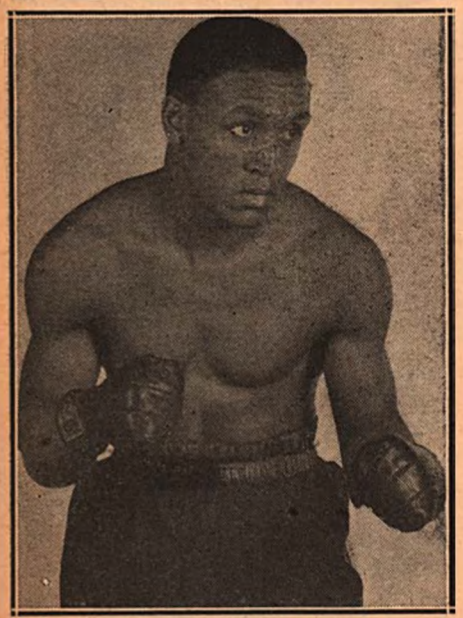


A fighting Texan, featherweight Manny Ortega.

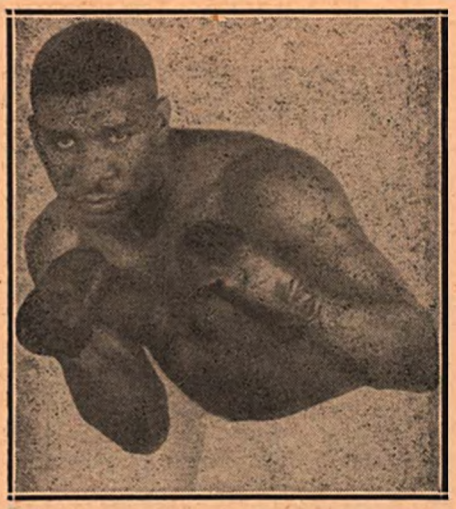
BOBBY BRITTON

HE may never match his dad's feat of becoming a world champion, but Bobby Britton, middleweight son of Jack, can boast of being one of the busiest and most-travelled fighters in the business. During his war hitch in the Navy, he saw service in Africa, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, and his ring career has taken him all over the North American continent.

Among the outstanding performers he has met are five former world champions—Petey Sarron, Lew Jenkins, Freddie Red Cochrane, Fritzie Zivic and Marty Servo—and he also has fought such good 'uns as Vinnie Vines, Frankie Blair, Bruce Flowers, Yucatan Kid, Tony Marteliano, Cocoa Kid, Wesley Ramey, Andre Jesserun, Mike Kaplan and Jimmy Sheppard.



Sam Baroudi, rugged Ohio middleweight, enters the lively scramble for top honors in middleweight competition.



Big Jim Richie, Negro light-heavyweight.

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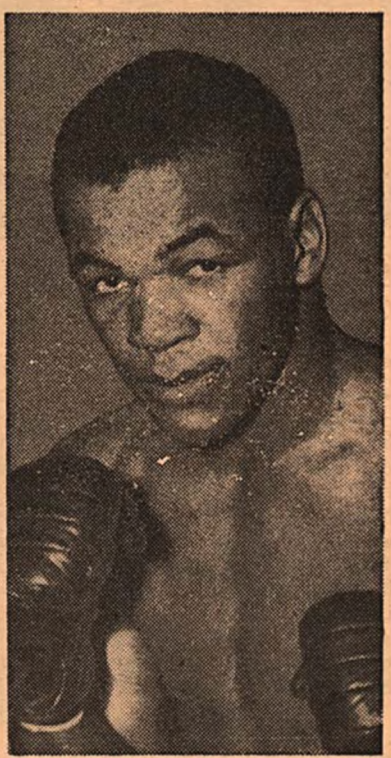
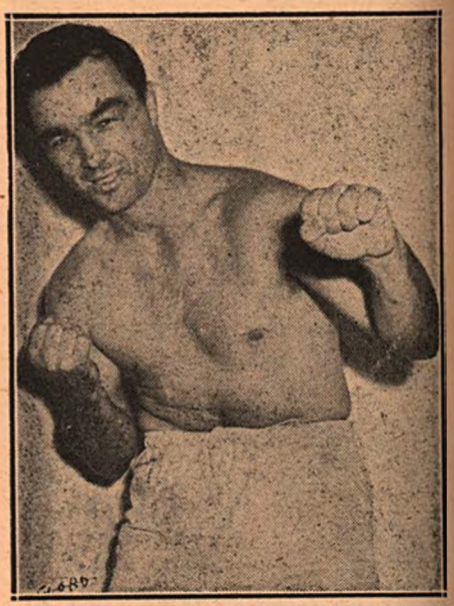
SAM BAROUDI

THE popular middleweight class, already teeming with outstanding talent, has come up with another strong entry in Sam Baroudi, of Akron, Ohio. Baroudi, a willing mixer and stiff puncher, was a busy performer in 1946, engaging in a total of 21 bouts.

He first attracted serious attention by knocking out Kid Chicken and Vinnie Vines, followed with decisions over St. Paul, Ellis Stewart and Henry Johnson (Artie Towne), battled to a draw with Chuck Hunter, then established himself as a headliner by outpointing Holman Williams, shifty Detroit veteran. Baroudi wound up his year's activities by knocking out Willis Scott, Coolidge Miller and this year he has put the quietus on Buddy Farrell.



Booker Beckwith, hard-hitting Chicago contender for light-heavy honors.



Bobby Britton, son of one of the ring's cleverest champions, is a busy middleweight.

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JIM RICHIE

ST. LOUIS has spawned another fistic hopeful in big Jim Richie, Negro light-heavyweight. Undefeated as an amateur and in fourteen professional bouts, Richie gained

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Tony Vero, New England's welterweight.

A Day at The Ring

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Losing to that stiff." Then comes the alibi: "But I gotta tell you it was some fight. Here it was the fourth round—my guy is punching away . . . then in the eighth . . . my guy finishes strong in the tenth, but the other guy gets the duke. Say, Nat, he lost, and to a bum in the bargain. Don't you think he rates anyway?"

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THE mail ranges from the "Dere Mable" type like "and so Mr. Fleischer my *ultrament* goal is to be the champion of the world," to queries like "There is a fellow around who claims he is Billy Petrolle. This story don't sound right, Nat, because this guy looks too tall and old."

The impostor, like thousands of others who travel the country panhandling and cadging drinks from generous sports fans who feel sorry for a former ring great, are quickly and ruthlessly exposed.

As the date of a Louis fight, or some other big contest draws near, the mail is heavy with requests for ducats—for free of course, or requests for the purchase of good seats—"Not beyond the fourth row."

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INVENTORS of numerous boxing gadgets, some fairly practical, some with absolutely crackpot schemes, are frequent visitors or correspondents. There was the chap who, with straight-faced sincerity, proposed that all bouts be staged in complete darkness, the fighters to wear phosphorescent gloves!

"I have a novel plan to do away with all bad decisions," a strange looking visitor declared toward the close of a rather rough and long day. "My idea is to conceal bells of two different tones in the boxing gloves. Thus," the fugitive from a Rube Goldberg comic strip continued, "as each blow is struck, it is accompanied by the tingling of a bell. By tabulating the sound of each bell every time it rings when a blow is landed, an accurate count can be made and the definite winner is established. What do you think of this idea?"

Just then the two telephones rang loudly in the office. Nat Fleischer grimaced and clapped his hands to his ears. Grabbing his hat, THE RING editor darted quickly from the office. He did not return for three days.

Gans at His Peak

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in Hawkins' favor, because of his superior work to the body which seemed to worry Gans.

They started the third with a rush, and Dal reached Joe's head with a sharp left to the jaw. Gans repaid him a moment later with a hard right to the corresponding spot. Joe then cornered the Californian and both started to slug with right and left. For fully a minute neither moved from his tracks. So vicious was the fighting that the crowd stood up in a perfect frenzy.

Dal's blows seemed to carry more dynamite, and for a time he had Gans in a dazed condition. It looked as though Gans were about to fall, when suddenly he steadied himself, seemed to assemble his brain and brawn, and let go a sharp, right hook to Dal's jaw. Dal withered under the force of the blow, and like a man shot in his tracks, fell in a heap to the floor.

Hawkins' head bumped on the boards. There was no need for a count, for he was so far gone that he was not able to stand on his feet for several minutes after he had been carried to his dressingroom.

Gans was so weak that he had all he could do to stand, and after, as well as before he landed the deadly punch, he looked momentarily as though he would drop. The slumber punch came two minutes and twenty-four seconds after the beginning of the third round.

Gans was attended by Al Herford, Whitey Lester and Kid Broad, while Hawkins had as his seconds "Spider" Kelly, Billy Eberhardt and George Monroe.

Canadians Rate Among the Best

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ing since 1945 with a record of 30 wins out of 32 bouts. He defeated 29 opponents in rotation before he was set back by Archie Devino and had to be satisfied with a ten-round draw with Bobby English in his last outing. Prior to Devino, he had beaten Ralph LaSalle, Midget Mayo, Larry Spencer, Bobby Richards, Artie Vitt among others.

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ROMEO OUIMET is a new face among the lightweight sluggers from the Dominion. Jerry White is guiding Ouimet along in easy stages while priming the lad for the big time. He is 24 years of age, with five years of army service to his credit and a professional record of 15 wins in 17 bouts. Romeo has a wicked right hand bolo blow—it's his best weapon.

Another good lightweight is Steve Curley, Toronto's big little man who has been defeated only three times in 32 affairs. His losses were to Phil Terranova, Francis Carto and Nick Stato. A few of the opponents he has beaten are Blonde Tiger, Lou Alter, Jimmy Allen and Georgie Knox.

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THE middleweight class has a busy Ontario lad in Irish Bob Flannigan, who made his pro debut in 1945 with Duke Ellington. He played a tune with both hands to take the four-rounder. Since then he has won more than he has lost in his pugilistic career. In 1946 he went to the post 19 times and came away the victor in 15 of them. Flannigan may yet make the select circle.

Crowd Pleasers

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national recognition by battling Joey Maxim to a ten-round draw last fall.

Maxim had just beaten Jersey Joe Walcott in the latter's home town, Camden, and was being boomed for a possible title shot with Joe Louis when he dropped into St. Louis and took on Richie for what he thought was a soft touch.

Big Jim engaged in only four bouts in 1946, but he made them count. He started by whipping Mose Brown, who has seen better days but still packs a wicked punch and plenty of ring savvy. Next on Richie's list was Al Sheridan, who was iced in the first round. Then came his battle with Maxim after which Jim wound up his year's campaigning by whipping rugged Teddy Randolph.

Richie has been handicapped by a late professional debut and the years he spent in the Army. But he's doing a good job so far in making up for lost time.

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BOOKER BECKWITH

THOUGH recently stopped by heavyweight Jimmy Bivins, Booker Beckwith still rates as one of the outstanding contenders for light-heavyweight laurels. The Chicagoan returned to the ring a year ago, after doing his bit in the Army, and until his defeat by Bivins, had run off a string of six straight kayos, two of his victims being Willie Barrow and Nate Bolden.

Prior to his war service, Booker kayoed Lee Oma and Altus Allen, defeated Solly Krieger, Erv Sarlin, Red Burman and Joey Maxim, and gave good accounts of himself against Bob Pastor and Melio Bettina.

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MANNY ORTEGA

HE has two homes: El Paso, Texas, and the squared circle with the wall of ropes. His name is Manny Ortega. He is a featherweight who served in the last world conflict in the Army Air Corps as a parachute rigger. He attained the status of a four striper.

Manny came up via the Golden Gloves route where the habit of making the first round count became instilled in him. Today he steps out beginning with round one and keeps 'em flying.

Ortega holds the Border Championship which he took from Pedro Ramirez. He has two wins over Juan Leanos and has kayoed Mickey Travis and Jackie Callura. Recently Ortega was knocked out by Jock Leslie, who was rated as the number five featherweight for 1946 in this magazine's annual ratings.

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TONY VERO

HOMER FOLIO served with Tony Vero in the Marines during the war and the former was so impressed with Tony's pugilistic abilities that as soon as they were discharged, Homer took Tony under his wing and introduced him into the New England rings.

Vero is a welterweight who depends more on his soporific sock than on his boxing ability. He has had 41 fights of which he lost six and won 31 by knockouts.

Tony is 20 years old and hails from Rome, New York, although he is presently making his home at Stamford. He is Italian-American.

Vero has put the quietus on Solomon Stewart, Roy Williams, Aurillo Vasquez, Irish Pat Doyle, Johnny Duke, Julio Galucci, Charley Howard, Johnny Caruso, Al Franklin among others. His losses were to Fidel Rivera, Jimmy Flynn, George Doty, Joe DiMartino, Norman Rubio and Allen Faulkiner.

Fusari Rated Fighter of Month

By THE RING EDITOR

THE slump in boxing seems to be on its way if we are to judge by what took place during the past two months. The cauliflower industry experienced a low during the last few weeks that indicated a tremendous flop in gate receipts as well as in ring activity in the months to come. The blow struck to boxing by the New York Commission when it revoked the license of Rocky Graziano; the extremely poor showing of Tami Mauriello in his bout with the mediocre Freddie Schott; the defeat of both claimants to the world lightweight title, Bob Montgomery and Ike Williams, by Tony Pellone and Eugene Burton, respectively—these among other poor bouts and upsets, caused some deep thinking on the part of the promoters and fight managers. Only one fight worthy of a headline took place since we last went to press.

In that fight, Charley Fusari, young New Jersey welterweight with a sterling record, gained the "Fighter of the Month" award by stopping the veteran Tippy Larkin in the ninth round of a stirring bout before a sell-out house in Madison Square Garden. The bout grossed $115,455 and 18,495 fight fans paid. Fusari, the 1 to 2 underdog, dropped Larkin five times in the nine rounds. The last time, the count of eight had been completed when Referee Arthur Donovan halted the contest.

Although Mauriello continues to hold the upper hand among the heavyweight contenders, unless he gets down to business and trains faithfully, he'll soon find himself out of the running. He barely edged out the decision over Schott after being dropped in the second round. Jimmy Bivins, who held the Number One post for some time, is rapidly regaining the spotlight. He is now listed Number Five man. Fitzie Fitzpatrick has entered the heavyweight ratings. Fitzie's latest victim was Lee Savold.

Ray Augustus' defeat of the highly rated Jack Chase enabled Ray to gain a place among the first ten in the spot made vacant by Fitzpatrick's shift to the heavyweight division. Freddie Mills gained a higher position and Booker Beckwith was dropped a leg among the light-heavyweights.

Although Rocky Graziano has had his license revoked in New York he remains in the rankings pending the outcome of his appeal. If the appeal is against him and he doesn't get into action elsewhere than in New York, he will be removed as was Harold Green until his license is restored.

Charley Burley's defeat by Bert Lytell has resulted in his being dropped to seventh place. Harold Green and Cocoa Kid have again made the grade and are listed among the first ten in the middleweight rank.

Tommy Bell continues our Number One welter contender, with Charley Fusari behind him. Beau Jack, due to inactivity, has been dropped to eighth place.

In the lightweight division Freddie Dawson and Eugene Burton have received recognition while Chester Rico, who was stopped recently by Juste Fontaine when his eye was badly cut, has been taken from among the elite as has Jesse Flores, defeated by Ruby Cruz.

Though Phil Terranova was beaten by Maxie Shapiro in a lightweight match, Phil continues to top the list of feather contenders. Sandy Saddler made big strides last month and is now our third contender. Buddy Hayes has replaced Spider Armstrong, whom he beat. Al Phillips of England is rated sixth best world feather and Mickey McKay tenth.

Teddy O'Neil occupies third place among the bantams and Henry Davis, who drew with David Kui Kong Young, is tenth. Bunty Doran has outgrown the flyweight division and rated sixth among the bantams, with Peter Kane eighth.

Here are the results of the month's most important fights:

The heavyweight bouts: Joe Louis engaged in an exhibition of 10 rounds with Arturo Godoy in Mexico City.

Jimmy Bivins decisioned Johnny Flynn, 10, and kayoed Booker Beckwith, 4. Tami Mauriello knocked out John Thomas, 2, and then took a close 10-round decision from Freddie Schott. Phil Muscato bested Lee Oma, 10, and stopped Bill Petersen, 3. Petersen defeated Johnny Denson, 10. Curtis Sheppard eked out a 10-round decision over Sandy McPherson. Elmer Ray knocked out Georgie Parks, 2.

Rusty Paine beat Jerry McSwain, 10; knocked out Eddie Powell, 2. Omelio Agramonte defeated Teddy Randolph, 10, and Jim Hooper, 10. Joey Maxim halted Marty Clark, 7. Buddy Walker kayoed Odell Riley, 7.

Lee Q. Murray knocked out Odell Riley, 2, and Ted Lowry, 5. Augustino Guedes chilled Billy Guy, 1. Abel Cestac kayoed Harry Patterson, 2. Jim Ritchie held Lee Savold to a 10-round draw. Savold was then beaten by Fitzie Fitzpatrick, 10. Bobby Zander, outpointed Joe Kahut, 10. Charles Lester whipped McKinley English, 8. Cleve Bailey outslugged Jimmy Richards, 8.

Bill Wilson whipped Buddy Knox, 10. Augustino Guedes beat Ross Strickland, 6. Roy Hawkins chilled Murray Britton, 4. Sanders Cox kayoed Harry Bernsten, 3.

Jim Dodd beat Jimmy Kelly, 8. Kid Rivera kayoed Bob Nora, 4. Al Smith whipped Jimmy Bell, 10. Jackie Cranford outmauled Red Cameron in a dull 10. Jim Anderson whipped Leroy Scales, 6.

Tiger Jack Fox outclassed Jack Flood and the referee declared it no contest in the third heat. Bill Sullivan nodded Jack Thompson, 4. Nate Bolden whipped Willie Moore, 8. Joe Brickle knocked out Lonnie Clark, 4. Eldridge Eatman defeated Eddie Franklin, 6.

Baby Culbertson whipped Charley Riggs, 6. Leo Stoll won over Al Spaulding, 6. Roy Thomas stopped Jimmy Savarese, 5. Tony Bosnich outpointed Al Jordan, 10.

Ken Shaw decisioned Willie Hayes, 10. Howard Thompson beat Ernie Griffin, 10. Howard Chard beat Eddie Wilson, 6. Willie Francis defeated Norman Wright, 4. Rid Roscoe stiffened Eddie Davis, 3. Jackie Thompson defeated Ray Richard, 4.

Gene Jones chilled Austin Johnson, 4. Tommy Garland beat Jim Hooper, 8. Francisco DeLaCruz iced Frankie Estrada, 1. Arnold Hayes chilled Frankenstein Holloway, 4. Mike Belluscio defeated Roy Thomas, 6.

Pete Mell kayoed Tom Hagler, 1. Sterling Ingram defeated Al Spaulding, 10.

Pat Comiskey knocked out Lee Oma, 7. Vern Escoe knocked out Arnold Hayes, 10. Buddy Knox whipped Wade Chauncy, 10. Howard Thompson stopped Augustino Guedes, 4.

Light-heavyweight contests: Oakland Billy Smith outpointed Bobby Zander, 10. Zander beat Joe Kahut, 10. Tommy Yarosz stopped Jimmy Nelson, 6, and beat Bee Bee Washington, 10. Bob Foxworth kayoed Bob Garner, 8. Bob Amos whipped Nate Bolden, 8.

Ray Augustus beat Jack Chase, 10. Henry Hall beat Billy Grant, 12. Reuben Jones outscored Billy Pappas, 6; beat Willie Hedgemond, 6. Freddie Mills stiffened Willie Quentenmeyer, 2. Joe Mason beat Tony DeMicco, 8. Bernie Reynolds whipped Jim White, 8. Buster Pepe whipped Luther McMillen, 6, and Billy Pappas, 6.

Frankie Zamoris stopped Prentiss Hall, 10. Newton Smith stopped Tom McKeagney, 2. Charley Babcock knocked out Frank Ferry, 2, and Billy Shaw, 1. Tommy Charles drew with Billy McCoy, 6.

Paulie Peters whipped Willie Brown, 10. Clem Russo whipped Jim Holden, 8. Jim Wilson whipped Dom Youvella, 6. Larry Gibson outscored Al Galgut, 6. Jimmy DiCiantis kayoed Mike Gagne, 2.

Milton Jones stiffened Jack Hill, 5. Darby Dan stopped Elmer Holt, 1. Carlos Perez and Gentle

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending February 10, 1947

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion	World's Champion	World's Champion	World's Champion
Joe Louis	Gus Lesnevich	Tony Zale	Ray Robinson
1—Tami Mauriello	Billy Fox	Jake LaMotta	Tommy Bell
2—Elmer Ray	Ezzard Charles	Rocky Graziano	Charley Fusari
3—Joe Walcott	Freddie Mills	Marcel Cerdan	Tippy Larkin
4—Bruce Woodcock	Tommy Yarosz	Georgie Abrams	Tony Janiro
5—Jimmy Bivins	Archie Moore	Bert Lytell	Johnny Greco
6—Lee Murray	Billy Smith	Steve Belloise	Billy Graham
7—Curtis Sheppard	Jack Chase	Charley Burley	Tony Pellone
8—Fitzie Fitzpatrick	Booker Beckwith	Harold Green	Beau Jack
9—Joe Baksi	Jim Ritchie	Cocoa Kid	Jimmy Doyle
10—Phil Muscato	Ray Augustus	Sam Baroudi	Jackie Wilson

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion	World's Champion	World's Champion	World's Champion
International Title Vacant	Willie Pep	Harold Dade	Jackie Paterson
1—Bob Montgomery (Recognized by N.Y.)	Phil Terranova	Manuel Ortiz	Rinty Monaghan
2—Ike Williams (Recognized in NBA territory) On equal basis as contenders	Carlos Chavez	Luis Castillo	Jackie Bryce
3—Johnny Bratton	Sandy Saddler	Teddy O'Neil	Emile Famechon
4—John Thomas	Miguel Acevedo	David Kui Kong Young	Joe Curran
5—Larry Cisneros	Jock Leslie	Dado Marino	Terry Allen
6—Enrique Bolanos	Al Phillips	Bunty Doran	Charley Squires
7—Vic Patrick	Jackie Graves	Tony Olivera	Jimmy Gill
8—Freddie Dawson	Oscar Calles	Peter Kane	Raoul De Grysse
9—Billy Graham	Buddy Hayes	Theo Medina	Mickey Hill
10—Eugene Burton	Mickey McKay	Henry Davis	Johnny Summers

Daniel drew in 12. Pat McCafferty outpointed John Gully, 6.

Oscar Lee Wilkins beat Jerry Marshall, 6. Dolph Quijamo knocked out Fred Ford, 2, and lost to Deacon Logan, 8. Jack Wortham stopped Dick Grant, 3.

Anton Raadik kayoed Buddy O'Dell, 6. Billy McCoy beat Buddy Shumway, 6. Henry Holley whipped Jimmy Johnson, 6. Melvin McKinney defeated Jack Bagby, 4.

Oscar Goode decisioned Al Johnson, 6. Tommy Sullivan stopped Eddie Boden, 4. Tony Gillo halted Sam Shumway, 5.

Paul Klang outscored Henry Odom, 6. Henry Holley whipped Henry Odom, 6. Luther McMillan outscored Jerry Heminger, 8. Al Mahoney knocked out Joe Rocky, 2. Johnny Lawlor chilled Maurice Belanger, 2.

Bob Isler outscored Clem Russo, 6. Elton Evans outclassed Soldier Montoya, 8. Allie Johnson stopped Eddie Wilson, 1. Larry Davis stopped Jimmy Hardaway, 3. Tommy Ruth whipped Teddy King, 6.

Newton Smith knocked out Doc Bee, 3. Kid Hermosillo stopped Frankie Serna, 6. Billy Townsend stiffened Percy Butler, 1. Clarence Wilkinson defeated Langston Dennis, 6. Jimmy Mulligan drew with George Smith, 8.

Cleve Bailey outpointed Jimmy Richards, 10. Ernie Griffen knocked out Joe Edwards, 1. Tom Klymyk beat Dominic Berrardo, 4.

George Kochan upset Johnny Colan in 10. Stanley Goicz outpointed Billy Pappas, 6. Bob Satterfield whipped Willie Moore, 8. Newton Smith kayoed Frankie Zamaris, 5. Bernie Reynolds chilled Willie Brown, 3. Charley Babcock kayoed Tommy Doyle, 2.

Middleweights fared as follows: Tony Zale knocked out Deacon Logan, 6. (Non title). Steve Belloise kayoed Al Hostak, 4, and Izzy Jannazzo, 3. Holman Williams decisioned Wylie Burns, 8. Marcel Cerdan knocked out Leon Fouquet, 1.

Pete Mead beat Indian Gomez, 8. Harold Green defeated Pete Mead, 10. Johnny Jones beat Buddy Brown, 6. Al Priest shaded Ruben Shank, 10. Joe Blackwood outpointed Coley Welch, 10. Blackwood beat Gene Farland, 10.

Bert Lytell beat Henry Hall, 10, and stopped George Smith, 3. Jimmy Sherrer outpointed Dave Clark, 10. Cocoa Kid outscored O'Neil Bell, 10, and Bobby Richardson, 10.

Lee Sala decisioned Bobby Britton, 10, and stopped Eddie Steele, 3. Henry Chemel stopped Eddie Steele, 4. Britton lost to Eddie Miller, 10. Herbie Kronowitz decisioned Billy Walker, 10. Frankie Angustian beat Bob Castro, 10. Billy Kilroy decisioned Tont Bertucci, 6.

Earl Evans whipped Al Pinel, 6. Tony Elizondo stiffened Pat Donahue, 4, and Acie Dearing, 1. Jerry Fiorello beat Billy Cooper, 10; knocked out George Red Doty, 6. Billy Arnold whipped Danny Rosati in a blistering 10, and stopped Lennox Dingle, 6. Clem Fitzpatrick drew with Mel Hawkins, 8.

Lou Valles whipped Vinnie Rossano, 8. Mickey Zengara beat Tony Bertucci, 6. Roy Miller stopped Perry Mason, 3. Bobcat Lee decisioned Del Silva, 8. Billy Parsons decisioned Cliff Beckett, 10.

Frankie Burley outpointed Clint Perry, 8, and chilled Johnny Jones, 8. Jimmy Mandell outpointed Jack Kenny, 8. Danny Martin decisioned Ossie Harris, 10. Top Row Allen outpointed Emory Jackson, 10.

Mickey Doyle whipped Charlie Padalino, 10; chilled Johnny Taylor, 1, and Babe Armstrong, 2. Juan Serrano won over Coolidge Miller, 8, and beat Charlie McPherson, 10. Bernard McClosky drew with Billy Henderson, 10. Speedy Cannon chilled Willie Parker, 1; beat Parker in 4.

Mose Cunkin whipped Emil Evans, 6. Abe Hopes kayoed Karo Smith, 3. Baby Sims halted Vinnie Vines, 3. Johnny Britenbruck decisioned Joe Deneaux, 6. Charley Zivic outpointed Horace Wilkens, 10; beat Jackie Armitage, 10.

Gene Boland defeated Freddy Lott, 8, and beat Johnny Harvey, 8. Indian Gomez won from Eddie Lee, 10. Jimmy Mangia kayoed King Davis, 2.

Billy Walker was awarded the decision over Ray Spurlock, 5. Spurlock was fouled and unable to continue after a 5-minute rest. Spurlock beat Antonio Carmona, 8. Danny Williams knocked out Bill Stemler, 6. Carmine Lato kayoed Charley Sardo, 5. Melvin Brown outboxed Dick Smith, 6.

Lee Ala stiffened Jimmy Quigley, 1. Irving Marcus stopped Jack O'Brien, 5. Johnny Lomax upset Joe Governale, 8. Georgie Small whipped Charley McPherson, 8. Pat Byers outpointed Joe Bennett, 8.

George Duke beat Charley O'Kelly, 10. Willie Davis whipped Frankie Les, 6. Dal Anspach outpointed Benny Davis, 6. Dick Wagner drew with Warren Holland, 6. Emmett Murphy stopped Hal White, 2. Phil Burton scored over Jimmy Isler, 6. James Toney knocked out Al Powell, 4. Willie Vera defeated Robert Smith, 4.

Vic Amato chilled Art Robinson, 2. Sonny Horne whipped Billy Carrigan, 10. Bushey Foster kayoed Homer Bingham, 2. Leroy Colman halted Frankie Kovacs, 1.

Jimmy Hardaway stopped Walter Cartier, 1. Sam Hawks knocked out Johnny DeMaio, 6. Joe Bowman whipped Jack Biddle, 6. Lou Woods knocked out George Riley, 3.

Jesse Moraney outpunched Joey Albino, 10. Pedro Cobe outboxed Lou Angelo, 8. Paul Darby outpointed Bobby Dawn, 4. Jackie Burke stopped Irving Marcus, 4.

Hal Anspach defeated Jim Cannon, 4. Roy Williams decisioned Frank Lacy, 10. Charley Kotch kayoed Joe Spooney, 1. Jesse Lamb halted Willie Bill, 1. Joe Rendome stiffened Al Pinel, 5. Curtis Moore stiffened Tony Brandino, 2.

Ernie Durando iced Mel Griffin, 2. Larry Gibson bested Chico Givens, 6. Eddie Soares kayoed Barnell McCloskey, 2. Reecy Davis beat Foster Campbell, 6.

Marcel Cerdan knocked out Bert Gilroy, 4. Henry Hall whipped George Brown, 10. Tony Zale stopped Len Wadsworth, 3. Whitey Kozy drew with Henry Holt, 8. Lou Angelo defeated Clem Fitzpatrick, 8. Vic Amato halted Augie Fleischauer, 1. Eddie O'Neill knocked out Bill Grier, 4. Mike Santonino kayoed Teddy Wilson, 1.

The welterweight division: Robert Villemain won the European title by stopping Ernie Roderick, 10. Buster Tyler whipped Joe Curcio, 10. Willie Joyce drew with Ernie Petron, 10. Tony Janiro outpointed Tony Pellone, 10. Bobby Yaeger stopped Memo Llanes in seven. Johnny Greco whipped Freddie Archer, 10. Tony Pellone beat Bob Montgomery, 10. Bernard Docusen outclassed Vinnie Rossano, 8, and Johnny Williams, 8.

Billy Graham easily outpointed Ruby Kessler, 10. Aaron Perry chilled Earl Turner, 8, and then Turner came back to kayo Perry, 10. Ben Montabano stopped Rene Cantero, 2. Myron Padlo decisioned Freddie Lott, 8. Robert Fehl kayoed Lee Kirby, 2. Irving Palefsky stopped Alejando Vega, 6. Gavilan Kid defeated Jose Garcia Alvarez, 10.

Eddie O'Neil kayoed Bobby Lakin, 6. Joe D'Amato whipped Eska Mosley, 6, and iced Eddie Brown, 1. Cyril Galli stopped Pat Scanlon, 3. Tony Riccio whipped Norman Rubio, 10, and then drew with him, 10.

Leo Sawicki stopped Rudy Campa, 5. Al Guido whipped Frankie Palermo, 8. Bobby Zollo kayoed Ernest (Cat) Robinson, 5. Baby Beau Jack beat Johnny Mazonoble, 6. Baby Beau Jack stopped Johnny Van, 6. Eddie Letourneau kayoed Jackie Lovatt, 2, but lost to Billy Tordiglione, 8. Lovatt then came back to whip Letourneau in 8.

Fist Dever iced Leroy Epps, 4, and beat George Martin, 6. Bobby Burton knocked out Baby Joe Gans, 2. Jackie Lovatt knocked out Bobby Pooler, 1. Tommy Marra whipped Mel Hawkins, 8, and Billy Kilroy, 8. Joey Falco beat Tommy Marra, 6. Jim McDonough, 8, and George B. Smith, 10.

Frankie Palermo stopped Al LaBarba, 5. Larry Villenauve defeated Chet Ross, 6. Doll Rafferty stopped Oliver Cobbins, 6. Wayland Douglas kayoed Joey Varoff, 4.

Jackie Darthard decisioned Mickey Savage, 10. Billy Tierny outscored Harvey Dubs, 8, and Bill Parsons, 8. Paddy Young halted Eldred Williams, 2, and lost on disqualification to Tony Vistero, 2.

Buster Baker whipped Rene Cantero, 10, but lost to Vince Gambelli, 10. Bobby Plant outscored Walter Samuels, 6. Joe Murphy knocked out George (Dusty) Brown, 2.

Phil Palmer outboxed Louis Bell, 10, and halted Johnny Wells, 9. Joey Barnum drew with Julius Mendez, 10. Buster Beaupre drew with Bill Daley, 10. Howard Bleyhl defeated Ramey McKnight, 10, and stopped Lou Flyer, 4.

Carey Mace stopped Herb Tessier, 6; Lou Phillips, 2, and Billy Ellison, 5. Bobby Conway whipped Jimmy Pettie, 8. Harry Hart defeated Talmadge Bussey, 8. Al Costa whipped Leo Sawicki, 10.

Davey Cohen beat Jim Kennedy, 6. Jimmy Isler outscored Billy Lee, 6. Blackie Noel outpointed Eddie Moniz, 10. Rocco Rossano decisioned Tommy Houston, 8. Herb Freeman defeated Maurice Beauchene, 10, and stopped Al Michaud, 8. Billy Nims and Horace Keyes drew in 8.

George Martin halted Walter Keene, 6. Ted Murray stopped Gunnar Larsen, 3. Frankie Ross drew with Bill Petersen, 10. Ike Stevenson outpointed Al Pinel, 10. Willie Jenkins stiffened Milton Besso, 3. Ralph Collota whipped Billy Nelson, 6. Patsy Gall outscored Tommy Ciarlo, 8. Doug Ratford bested Billy Justine, 8. Dom Sinabaldi kayoed John Thomas, 3. Howard Brodt decisioned Jimmy McGriff, 10.

Eddie Smith kayoed Al Highers, 6. Doug Carter whipped Frankie Conti, 10. Vince Foster knocked out Wally Holm, 4. Billy Smith whipped Joey Pirrone, 10. Steve Bell kayoed Eddie Letourneau, 5.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Gene Gosney, Forest Hills, L. I.
Light-Heavyweight—Al Marson, Great Britain
Middleweight—Curtis Moore, Newark, N. J.
Welterweight—Vincent Foster, Omaha, Neb.
Lightweight—Leroy Willis, San Francisco, Calif.
Featherweight—Mal Evans, Providence, R. I.
Bantamweight—Tom Collins, Boston, Mass.
Flyweight—Hector Marquez, El Paso, Texas

Dave Chacon reversed it against Mike DeCosmo, 6. Henry Jordan whipped Jimmy Hill, 10. Johnny Wells outscored Mike Strankovich, 10. Julio Franco drew with Tony Chavez, 10.

Allen McCorvey stopped Bob Kelley, 2. Frank Cardinal won from Louis Hall, 5. Henry Majcher stopped Buddy Holderfield, 4. Otis Graham kayoed Pete Spotti, 5. Rusty Fehl stopped Joe Stacey, 2. Harry Schenski defeated Speedy Moore, 6.

Frankie Vigeant drew with Tony Falco, 10. Roscoe Taylor stopped Paulie Watson, 2. Bobby Zollo stopped Jimmy Sauer, 7. Joey Carkido outscored Vic Moreno, 8. Billy Lancaster drew with Billy Tordiglione, 8. Vince Turpin outpointed Howard Faulkner, 10.

Flash Gordon drew with Ray Thomas, 4. Julius Mendez whipped George Fields, 6. Whitey Morris decisioned Babe Huerta, 4. Tommy Reardon defeated Johnny Best, 10.

Angelo Morganti stopped Art McKenzie, 1, and beat Everett Chapman, 4. Art McKenzie chilled Leonard Lukes, 3. Ronnie Burns beat Kenny Hilton, 4. Elverse Townsell lost to Sam Sanders, 4. Tommy Mack decisioned Juan Orsell, 6. Young Cardell beat Redcap Cooper, 4.

Tommy Reardon stopped Sammy Walker, 4. Menna outpointed Leo Charles, 6. Al Highers beat Jackie Gaines, 10. Benny Colardo stopped Frankie Balaisano, 2. Frank Butler whipped Harry Preston, 6.

Jimmy Isler beat Billy Lee, 6. Hank Cisco beat Billy Ellison, 6. Roscoe Hilton whipped Van Butler, 4. Joey Angelo upset Cotton King, 10. Jerome Frazier halted Billy Justine, 1. Doug Ratford knocked out Booker Hodges, 3.

Mickey Zengara outboxed Ralph Nieves, 6. Mike Santonino outpointed Frankie Keith, 4. Buster Beaupre drew with Billy Nappier, 10. Eddie Moniz outpointed Jasper O'Hanley, 10. Ernie Guisti upset Tommy Reardon, 6. Al Hirsch halted Earl Shaw, 4.

Billy Nelson beat Jim Kennedy, 6. Dorsey Lay halted Jimmy Alexander, 3. Mickey Daniel stopped Frankie Wetzel, 1. Mario Ramos knocked out Walter Keene, 5. Roscoe Hinson defeated Ralph Calautti, 4. John Terriano stopped Frankie Foley, 6.

Al Couture chilled Young Tiger Flowers, 5. George LaRover whipped Dave Andrews, 10. Allen Faulkner defeated Sammy Secreet, 10. Don Lee kayoed Bobby Taylor, 3.

Bobby Lee whipped Bernie Miller, 8. Tiger Wade decisioned Rocky Farrell, 6. Bobby Burton kayoed Buddy Brown, 5. Billy Turell decisioned Pat Shannon, 6. Johnny Bell beat Leroy Haynes, 8. Billy Dankar chilled Jack Raione, 2.

Harry Hurst stopped Bill Bailey, 6. Bobby Plant kayoed Garry Williams, 5. Al Moran whipped Sal Hamilton, 12. Laurie Petersen stiffened Jimmy Fraser, 3. Billy Kearns knocked out Jack Faro, 1. Johnny Darby kayoed James Brier, 2. Joe Martino drew with George Branch, 4. Vince Scott defeated Mel Williams, 4.

Charley Fusari knocked out Tippy Larkin in the ninth round.

Smuggsy Hursey stopped Howie Brodt, 2. Ralph Zannelli stopped Sammy Secreet, 4. Nava Esparza halted Cat Robinson, 7. Blaine Macomber drew with Al Tanguay, 6. Dorsey Lay beat Charley Millan, 10. Dom Marchese drew with Joe Poccia, 4. Leo Sawicki decisioned Eddie Letourneau, 10. George Martin reversed it against Fist Dever, 6. Patsy Brandino outpointed Billy Nelson, 8. Al Mobley bested Joey Peralta, 8. Freddy Menna defeated Tom Houston, 8. Art Towne stopped Jimmy Hill, 6. Herb Freeman stopped Ralph Walton, 6. George Williams beat Indian Gomez, 10.

The lightweight mills: Bob Montgomery stopped Eddie Giosa, 5. (Non title). Gene Burton upset Ike Williams, 10. (Non title), and lost to Tony Pellone, 10, and Dan Robinson, 9.

Larry Cisneros whipped Frankie Moore, 10.

John Thomas beat Eddie Hudson, 10. Hudson beat Baby Breese, 10. Enrique Bolanos halted Lulu Costantino, 7.

Rudy Cruz beat Jesse Flores, 10. Al Pennino upset Jimmy Warren, 8, but lost to Willie Beltram, 8. Juste Fontaine stopped Chester Rico, 3 (cut eye). and Jim Collins, 8.

Patsy Giovanelli whipped Julie Bort, 8. Tommy Wells stopped Jackie Harris, 9, but was kayoed by Joe Montiero, 4. Carmine Fatte outscored Eddie White, 8. Johnny Bratton outclassed Morris Reif, 10. Joey Fontana beat Frankie Rubino, 8. Frankie Gromado beat Bobby Cummings, 8. Rubino won from Jimmy Allen in 8. Buddy Garcia kayoed Auriello Cruz, 7.

Freddy Dawson whipped Ace Miller, 8. Humberto Sierra outclassed Young Chino Alvarez, 10. Gene Saloco beat Al Headley, 4. Danny Webb outpointed Gus Mell, 10.

Dino Bleta decisioned Corky Davis, 8. Billy Strauss beat Mike Konners, 6. Julie Kogon outscored Humberto Zavala, 10, and stopped Pedro Firpo, 9. Harold Stein whipped Henry Lassain, 6, and Kenny Haines, 6. Tony Rodriguez drew with Baby Breese, 10.

Bobby McQuillar beat Ace Miller, twice in 10 rounds. Buddy Jacklich beat Torito Ramos, 10; beat Jackie Wilson, 10. Lefty LaChance stopped Marty Pemba, 6. Benny Calla defeated Mario Trigo, 10. Charlie DiPietro halted Billy Hilliard, 2.

Midget Jones stopped Leroy Willis, 2. Oliver Desmarais whipped Tommy Greb, 10; Johnny Compo, 10, and Frankie Carson, 10. Roy Andrews stopped Henry Polowitzer, 9. Jim Corti whipped Harry Diduck, 8, and Willie Alexander, 8. Nick Castiglione chilled Gene Joyce, 2.

Maxie Shapiro decisioned Patsy Brandino, 10; beat Phil Terranova, 10. Max Perez shaded Walter Cabey Lewis, 10, and Leo Mucucci, 10. Mucucci beat Jimmy McLarnin, 10. Lewis stopped Dom Amoroso, 10. Young Junior beat Blond Tiger, 6. Amoroso beat Eddie White, 10. Walter Cabey Lewis lost to Arthur King, 8. Johnny Campbell also beat Blond Tiger in 8. Bobby Welch stiffened Tony Prince, 5. Fabala Chavez outpointed Mario Trigo, 10.

Stan Hawthorn whipped Ben Duffy, 10. Leo Garrett beat Harry Hart, 10. Paddy DeMarco won from Joe Holmes, 6. Chucho Ortiz stiffened Luis Arguelles, 6. Midget St. Hilaire beat Al Smith, 10.

Richie Orange beat Billy Richardson, 8. Willie Beltram defeated Juan Carrero, 8. Ray Klingmeyer whipped Sonny Bently, 6. John LaRusso chilled Jimmy Allen, 1. Edgar Gallant decisioned Henry Briere, 8. Tony LaBua halted Danny Randi, 2, and beat Don Murray, 6.

Texas Lee Harper outpointed Rafael Barrera, 6. Lou Casiano defeated Jorge Estrada, 8. Leon Broxton halted Ernie Calhoune, 8. Joey Fagan made it 15 in a row by whipping Tony Ferrara, 8. Willie Wilson defeated Billy Griffin, 4.

Johnny Johnikin defeated Grady Wilson, 4. Anthony Viserto halted Georgie Scott, 1. Tony Prince whipped Bud Labbe, 6. George Dunn defeated Paulie Jackson, 10.

Joey Polowitzer halted Lee Britto, 5. Talmadge Bussey knocked out Nathan Bridges, 4. Charley Schnauppauf beat Nick Primiani, 10. Larry Thomas won a thriller from Johnny Gebert, 8. Henry Lassain beat Harold Stein, 6.

Jimmy Jury stopped Archie Hannam, 3, but lost to Billy Barton, 8. Harry Legge beat Jack Sharkey, 8. Stan Hawthorne drew with Josef Preys, 10. Tommy Barnum beat Andre Famechon, 8. Chuchu Ruiz kayoed Luis Argelles, 6. Raul Bustamante drew with Pedro Viesca, 10. Charlie Ashenden knocked out Roy Tresure, 6.

Johnny Priest outpunched Joey Polowitzer, 10; beat Johnny Parker, 8. Jimmy Vincent stiffened Al Brier, 3. Jackie Weber whipped Florient Desmarais, 10.

Charlie Smith bested McCoy Jones, 8. Joey Brocato beat Thompson Harmon, 6. Chester Hodges defeated Johnny Varcey, 6. Johnny Jackson whipped Talmadge Bussey, 6. Pat Demers beat Bobby Wilson, 10. Pat Brady whipped Kenny Hilton, 4.

Ted Garcia whipped Freddie Taylor, 10. Mel Nelson beat Lou Elder, 6. Pete Vigil decisioned Louis Ruybalid, 6, and Bobby Polowitzer, 6. Polowitzer beat Dick Weinhold, 4. James J. Cox beat Ace of Spades, 10.

Archie Goodbee whipped Jean Frachette, 10. Julie Kogon bested Ernie Petrone, 12. Benny Calla defeated Dave Hernandez, 10. Tony Antognoli whipped Charley Noel, 8. Al Pennino halted Julie Bort, 3. Joey Brocato whipped Lew Prince, 6. Al Medrano defeated Leroy Willis, 10. Fabela Chavez drew with Bobby Jackson, 10. Humberto Sierra whipped Lefty LaChance, 10. Jerry Darby drew with Charlie Watson, 6.

Featherweight activity: Al Phillips beat Jean Mougin, 8. Ronnie Clayton defeated Ben Duffy, 8.

Jackie Graves knocked out Lefty LaChance, 3. Buddy Hayes stopped Spider Armstrong, 2; beat Ivan Jones, 10.

Jock Leslie chilled Bennie May, 3, and beat Mimmie Adragna, 10. Adragna beat Johnny Gebert, 10. Manny Ortega kayoed Ramon Alva, 8. Sandy Saddler chilled Dusty Brown, 4; stopped Humberto Zavala, 7, and Larry Thomas, 2.

Jimmy McAllister iced George Sanchez, 5. Carlos Chavez kayoed Speedy Cabanella, 5. Phil Terranova halted Jimmy Allen, 5; lost in overweight match to Maxie Shapiro, 10.

Jimmy Callura stopped Martin Taber, 7, and drew with Bobby English, 10. Harry Jeffra drew with Leslie Harris, 10, and then beat him in 10. Tommy Roberts defeated Duane Hoag, 8.

Dennis Pat Brady knocked out Clem Rodriguez, 6. Rodriguez was defeated by Red Allen, 8. Brady beat Lloyd Hudson, 8. Willie Weasel stopped Lou Transparenti, 6. Snooks Lacy halted Larry Thompson, 3. Kenny Lindsay outboxed Georgie Freitas, 10.

Joey Clemo drew with Kenny Lindsay, 10, and beat Tony Robert, 6. Charley Williams whipped Midget Mayo, 8. Orlando Fernandez outsored Jackie Perkins, 10.

Felix Bueno beat Charley Johnson, 10. George Dunn halted Bobby English, 9. Jackie Eisenberger shaded Richie Callura, 6. Jean Barriere beat Chico Morales, 10. Ivan Jones whipped Paul Herrick, 10.

Edgar Gallant stiffened Chuck Jackson, 5, and Ivan Jones, 4, for his 14th straight victory. Gallant and Doc Blanchard drew in 8. Jackie Harris whipped Joey Dell, 10. Bayani Garcia beat George Freitas, 10. Phil Thomas scored over Tito Valles in 3.

Eddie Compo outscored Eddie Smith, 8; stopped Mickey Garcia, 3. Davey Allen defeated Willie Alexander, 8. Frankie Waters beat Henry Briere, 6. Johnny Johnson defeated Vic Young, 8.

Ray Dulmaine kayoed Leo LeBlanc, 3, but lost to Jerry Lavigne, 6. Dulmaine then came back to whip Lavigne in 6. Biff Jones stopped Billy Reed, 6. Simon Vergera defeated Kid Zefine, 10.

Tommy Monty whipped Leo LeBrun, 8. Joey Longo beat Billy Proctor, 8. Freddy Latson stopped Jeep O'Neal, 1. Joe Gamby defeated Sammy Chernoff, 6. Francisco Colon Garcia outpointed Frankie Pucci, 10. Joe Garcia whipped Joe Amaya, 6.

Tommy Trout outscored Walt Felmey, 6. Paul Febbo beat Red Wells, 6. Manolito Kid shaded Floyd Shifflett, 10. Mickey Maguire stopped Frankie Martin, 4. Johnny Marino outpointed George LaFalgio, 4.

Petey Virgin defeated Archie Goodbee, 10. Chuck Wiggins nodded Orville Young, 4. Manuel Zurita outpunched Mickey Maguire, 6, and Jimmy Hegeman, 6. Hank Okura whipped Nick Harris, 4.

Leon Hudson decisioned Allie Weber, 6. Tommy Baker stopped Louis Langley, 2. Leo Milito outpointed Bernie Bernard, 8. Tommy Monty knocked out Frankie Parson, 5. Johnny Forte whipped Luis Ramos, 8. Jimmy Sulla defeated Harry Varva, 6. Johnny Wolgast drew with Willie Alexander, 6.

Tommy Burns whipped Billy Todd, 8. Maurice Nelson stopped Sammy Thompson, 3.

Mal Evans kayoed Frankie Martin, 1. Leonardo Lopez stopped Tony Becerra, 2. Lalo Gallardo decisioned Manuel Hernandez, 10.

Ernesto Gallardo whipped Pete Pacheco, 10. Rafael Barrera stopped Charlie Watson, 4. Ruben Rivers drew with Pete Bolos, 4. Sal Puzzo won over Tom King, 4. Johnny Martinez kayoed Mike Martinez, 2, but lost to Freddie Maes, 4, and was stopped by Paddy O'Leary, 4.

Kid Howard stopped Kid Lantz, 7. Aponte Torres whipped Eddie Smith, 10. Jimmy Callura defeated Martin Taber, 10.

The bantamweight class: Peter Kane kayoed Tommy Madine, 8. Madine lost to Norman Lewis, 10. Sal Farello outclassed Mike Bitet, 4; chilled Fausto Garcia, 2; beat Jim Hegeman, 6, and Marvin Dick, 4. Howard Jackson drew with Frankie Rivera, 10. Teddy O'Neill stopped Johnny King, 4.

Luis Castillo stopped Jackie Turner, 3. David Kui Kong Young was held to a draw by young Henry Davis, 10.

Earl Roys kayoed Jose DeMedina, 7; Jose Garcia, 5, and beat Jimmy Jeanette, 8. Jorge Sanchez beat Ralph McNeil, 10. Jim Collins kayoed Johnny Martin, 1. Jimmy Parlin outfought Tony Cocco, 6. Tom Collins stopped Billy Mays, 2, and Jose DeMedina, 2.

Billy Herrear stopped Bobby Milina, 3. Cecil Schoonmaker decisioned Bee Jiminez, 4. Frankie DiPiano outscored Ruben Davis, 6. Joe Cuccinato defeated Earl Kelly, 4. Len Coffin whipped Johnny Boom, 8.

George Mousse defeated Cliff Anderson, 8, but was beaten by little Bunty Doran, 8.

Joe Cornelis was too tricky for Mickey Francis, 8. Stan Almond stopped Spider Archer, 2. Billy Barrett halted Lawrence Middleton, 1. Jorge Robles kayoed Luis Reyes, 2. Filberto Osorio defeated Babe Zaragoza, 10.

Jackie Paterson, world's flyweight king, won the Empire bantamweight title by knocking out Johnny King in seven rounds. Harold Dade, world's bantamweight king whipped Speedy Cabanella, 10. George Sanchez knocked out Ralph McNeil, 3. Charley Titone beat Mike Bitet, 4. Tommy Rhett upset Earl Roys, 8.

Here are the flyweight contests: Jimmy Gill shaded Raoul DeGryse, 10, but lost to Charlie Squires, 10. Cliff Anderson beat the flyweight champion of the world, Jackie Peterson, in an eight-round non-title contest, but lost in a feather bout to George Mousse. Joe Cuccinotti kayoed Harry Leslie, 2.

Jackie Bryce won the flyweight title of Scotland by whipping Johnny Summers in 15 non-stop rounds. Summers beat Billy Hazelgrove. Terry Allen beat Billy Hazelgrove, 8. Bryce beat Dicky O'Sullivan, 8. Norman Lewis kayoed Tommy Madine, 9.

Jimmy Warnock stopped Sean Phillips, 4. Tommy Rhett beat Jose Garcia, 6. Emile Famechon outpointed Joe Curran, 8.

Ike Weir chilled Chick Feery, 2. Joe M'Cambley whipped Joe King, 8.

Johnny Kent outfought Mickey Jones, 8. Herbie Coates stiffened Vic Sheard, 2. Monito Flores decisioned Gene Kelly, 10. Jimmy Hogg defeated Rip Bunker, 12. Guillermo Andrade beat Baby Allen, 10.

IN THE COAL REGIONS
By MARTY BLAKE

TOWN HALL, Scranton, Pa.—Joey Falco, 149, who had won his previous fifteen starts in Scranton, met a tough foe in George Bradford Smith, 144¼, of New York City, but punched out a unanimous decision in ten action-packed rounds. Falco was awarded seven of the ten rounds but was on the canvas for a count of two in the first stanza.

Howard Chard, 203, Canada, won over Eddie Wilson, 205-pound Negro from Philly, in the semi-final bout of six rounds.

Clyde Small, 120½, from Philly, kayoed Pat Henihan, 117, of Scranton, in 1:32 of the second round.

Tony Gangemi, 185, also from the Quaker City, flattened Larry Shott, 176, New York City, in 2:42 of the fourth round. Shott was down three times.

The opening four-rounder resulted in a three-round kayo for John Calcinore, 174, Philly, over Jimmy Johnson, New York City.

West Side Armory—Kingston, Pa. The Armory A. C. and Promoter Frank Shepard presented its first show of the new year, 36 rounds of boxing. Charley "Dutchy" Schnappauf won over Nick Primiani, Montreal, in the feature. Schnappauf, a Luzerene, Pa., boy who was ETO lightweight champion, took all but two of the rounds and shook up Primiani considerably with his southpaw slugging. Primiani weighed 139 and Schnappauf 135½ lbs. The attendance was 3,875 and the gross gate $7,512.25, one of the largest gates in the history of boxing in this region.

Joey Kushner, 130, of Syracuse, came up with an injured hand against Hurricane Matt Parker, 130½, of Camden, and lost on a technical knockout in the fourth round.

In a special six-round event, Howard Chard, 203, of Canada, lost to Eddie Wilson, 205-pound Negro from Philly. It was their third meeting in the past three weeks, Eddie winning two of the decisions.

Billy Seep, 147, Buffalo, N. Y., decisioned Mickey Belletiere, 150½, Hazleton, Pa. veteran, in six rounds.

Frankie Jayne of Plymouth, Pa., 127, won over Leroy Ponzi, 128, also of Hazleton. Ponzi clearly won the duke but didn't get it. He had Jayne on the floor for a count of "8" in the third round.

NEWS AND VIEWS: Jim Slavin, one-time top-notch light-heavy, is the new matchmaker of the Diamond A. C.

Anyone wishing information about boxing in this region can contact this writer at his home address, 54 West Eighth Street, Wyoming, Pa.

Ben Schmidt

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great deal in this country. Whitey Bimstein and Natie Wolfson, trainer and manager of Joe Baksi, did not exactly strain the good neighbor policy between the two countries and their presence is eagerly awaited. . . . Ted Kid Lewis, one of the ring immortals in this country, can be seen night after night at various boxing clubs, either seconding or chattering about his latest charges. Lewis has a good word for everyone and the fans as well as writers are rooting for him to become identified with a money-maker. . . . Jimmy Wilde, who will never be forgotten for his stand against Pancho Villa at the New York Polo Grounds 25 years ago, is still actively engaged as Boxing Correspondent for *The News of the World*, a weekly publication of 6,000,000 circulation.

Owen Moran, that wildcat of an almost forgotten era, is still active but not with the gloves. He is employed by Ted Salmon, Birmingham bookmaker, and his greatest pleasure is reviving the fights he had with Abe Attell in the States. Abe will be pleased to hear this as Moran was one of his bitterest rivals and one who to this day commands the greatest of respect. . . . Ted Broadribb is contemplating taking Freddy Mills to Australia. Freddy, as nice as you can find them, is deserving of better breaks but good things come to him who waits. . . . Harry Sheppard, who brought Danny Webb to Canada, reports that Webb fought the fight of his life to defeat Dave Castilloux for the Canadian lightweight title. . . . Tommy Barnham is back in the winning column through the assistance of Brother Billy and good things are in store for him. . . . The defeat of Curvis at the hands of Phillips only accentuates the belief that good managers are needed to properly look after their charges. . . . Peace time conditions are now in evidence.

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New Faces

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a ten-round draw with Cliff Beckett, Canadian middleweight king. His three losses were to Otis Walker, Charley Padalino, and Jimmy Mandell.

Birskovich is a graduate of the Niles, Ohio, Police A. C. amateur ranks. His manager, Matt McGowan, is a Niles police officer who discovered and developed Sonny Horne and Rollie Horne, under Al Lang.

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PADDY YOUNG

GREENWICH VILLAGE in New York is singing the praises of Paddy Young, a young welter hopeful, who in eight pro starts scored five knockouts, was held to a draw, grabbed one decision and lost one via a foul. He had five amateur bouts and was awarded a trophy by Ray Robinson for exhibiting the best talent in the simon pure ranks. His father was also an amateur boxer.

Paddy is a combination boxer and hitter. In his last appearance in Madison Square Garden he flattened Ray Solomon in four heats.

Young is managed by Harry Stickevers, who in the past piloted Kid Rash, Frankie Anselm and assisted in the development of Billy Arnold.

HEARD AND SEEN IN MICHIGAN

By MICKEY McINTIRE

WALTER SHARP, long one of the better matchmakers of the country, is now pairing the fighters for Bart Lamb's weekly shows at Arena Gardens, and after a long series of shows which failed to draw, has finally started to write with black ink.

An outstanding match was Bobby McQuillar and Ace Miller which drew the best house of the season. A hairline decision was awarded the Port Huron dancing master, but the Toledo bulldog had many supporters.

Bobby McQuillar, lightweight, topped another Arena Gardens card, and again was the winner by the narrowest of margins over Ace Miller, the Toledo bulldog.

Nick Londes, Olympia promoter had several high-class shows. He featured Tami Mauriello again, who repeated his previous kayo triumph over John Thomas.

Another Londes promotion saw Young Tony Pellone score an upset victory over Lightweight Champion Bob Montgomery. Pellone's victory was clean and decisive.

Tommy Cussans has been drawing great houses in Flint. Tommy, a former star amateur fighter, who distinguished himself in the Army, has a great card in Jock Leslie, top ranking feather, and the veteran southpaw, Bill Eddy.

John MacCulloch and Willie Dominguez are playing to full houses at the Paul Revere A. C. on Sproat St. Detroit's leading fighters are training there, and Willie is managing some good boys.

Bobby McIntire, who boxed six world champions, and practically all of the leading lightweights and welters of the past decade, can be seen schooling young fighters at the local gyms. Boys of all weights can be secured by contacting McIntire at 25214 Mary St., Inkster, Mich., or calling DEarborn 8432.

Eddie O'Neil, protege of Scotty Monteith and Al DeNapoli, has been doing well in the middleweight division. He stopped Bobby Laken in the tenth round of an Arena Gardens feature. He lost to Holman Williams, and won over Louis Kid Cocoa. He should have gained valuable experience in boxing those high class ring men, two of the best middleweights of recent years.

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BOXING IN CUBA

By MILT BARON

HAVANA was at a standstill in fisticuffs during the month because the Pep-Acevedo bout was called off due to Pep's airplane accident.

In the month's feature, Hankin Barrows, Panama welterweight, drew in ten rounds with Baby Coullimber. Barrows had an edge and the draw decision was not well received.

Gavilan Kid outpointed Julio Pedroso, one of Cuba's crack welterweights, in ten rounds.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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the match is to be awarded to his opponent via the decision route.

For many years THE RING Editor has argued that there is no such thing in boxing as a "technical knockout" and that, under the rules of boxing, when a fighter cannot continue because of an injury, his opponent must receive credit for a kayo. I'm happy to note that at least one Boxing Commission agrees with me on the technical knockout, though I maintain that the victor should receive credit for a k.o. and not a win by a decision.

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ACCORDING to an interview with Mr. Donmall, Secretary of the British Board of Boxing Control, given to the London *News Chronicle* on January 23, there is no chance of the color line being eliminated in competition for British championships. In his interview, Mr. Donmall says that the Stewards of the Board are fully aware that a portion of the British public is in favor of lifting the ban and opening the national titles for competition to any British subject, irrespective of the color of his skin, but adhere to the attitude that a departure from the rule, established many years before the B. B. B. of C. came into existence, is neither desirable nor necessary.

"It is only right that a small country such as ours should have championships restricted to boxers of white parents," Mr. Donmall is quoted as saying. "Otherwise we might be faced with a situation where all of our British titles are held by Colored Empire Champions. The Board has done much for the Empire boxers of color. We have a very high regard for them as men and boxers. They are not penalized by this rule of ours. They have the British Empire championships open to them and the Empire titles have always been regarded by the Board as infinitely more important than the purely domestic British championships."

Here in America, while the color line is still on in most of the southern states, the cream of the Negro fighters participate against white boys in our leading clubs. Most of the highest rated boxers in the United States are Negro boys and world championships are held by a number.

We do not feel it is our affair in telling the British what to do, but it seems a paradox to permit the Negro to fight for a British Empire crown yet ban him from fighting for a purely British championship! It is about time that both in this country and in England, the color line was eliminated forever.

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OUT in Arizona recently Frankie Estrada, who goes under the name of Mexican Tony Galento, was permitted to enter the ring smoking a huge cigar and puffing away at it until he was called to the center of the ring for instructions in his fight with Francisco de la Cruz. It took Cruz only two minutes and ten seconds to dispose of the huge Mexican via the knockout route.

It seems to me that a commission that permits such a travesty on the sport to be carried out under its supervision, is unworthy of the high position it holds. Boxing is no carnival or a vaudeville act. It deserves the whole-hearted, serious attention of those who are appointed to guide it. Permitting a fighter to hold the sport up to ridicule by such tactics as Estrada was permitted to do, ill becomes a commission.

Let's do away with such comedy stuff.

Joe Louis Goes on Tour

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Victoria. A sports writer in Fargo, N. D., ruined us with a phony yarn.

"McCarty was married. His wife had quit him. She had a job as a waitress, and Luther sent her money, too.

"The guy in Fargo wrote how Mrs. McCarty was a wife deserted, penniless, reduced to peeling potatoes in a hash house to keep from starving. Boo-hoo!

"The story got to New York, and Hammerstein cancelled $7500 right out of Luther's bank account. I was not exactly a disinterested party, either.

"Well, even without Hammerstein's $7500, McCarty got himself sixty grand on that tour.

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"I ALSO had Willard on the road. In fact, that business became my specialty," McCarney continued. "Touring took the place of the old Thespian gag. Years ago, heavyweights used to go around acting in 'Honest Hearts and Heavy Hands,' or some such drivel. John L. and Corbett acted. So did Fitzsimmons.

"The public somehow won't go for that now. But it will pay to see the champion, especially in towns in which he never before appeared.

"I regard Louis as the strongest male attraction in the world. They say Sonja Heinie, the skater, is the greatest. However, Joe will do himself plenty good. By the time he comes back, there may be some sort of match for him.

"But if there isn't, Louis can start touring all over again, in this country. There still are plenty of spots where they haven't seen the Brown Bomber."

Corrections

In the annual Rating of Boxers, Joe Matisi of Buffalo should have been listed in Group I. His name was left out through an oversight.

Harry Hart of Columbus, Ohio, should have been rated in Group 3 of lightweights.

Harold Dade, prior to winning the bantam crown, should have been listed in Group 2 of bantams.

Nate Bolden should have been rated No. 13 in the light-heavyweight division.

Casey Jones should have been listed in Class 4 of the middleweights.

Harry Bernsten should have been listed in Group 2 of heavyweights.

In March issue Sammy Chernoff was listed as having stopped Clyde Small. The reverse was correct. Small stopped Chernoff in the third round.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

DISCUSSING British boxing activities in a column ostensibly devoted to doings in and about New York's metropolitan area may seem a bit incongruous. But your commentator has just run across a couple of interesting items from the tight little isle that certainly do not appear entirely out of place in this department. After all, "human interest" is not confined to any geographical limits, or racial bounds; it is universal in its appeal.

One dispatch concerns an English lightweight, Tommy Barnham, who at the moment rates as one of the best 135-pounders over yonder.

Tommy, a bright prospect before the recent unpleasantness, cut short his fistic activities to do his bit for King and Country. Early in the conflict he was captured by the Nazis, and spent four miserable years as a prisoner of war. His health shattered, Barnham's ring career, to all intents and purposes, was finished. But Tommy was a difficult one to convince. Back in civilian circulation, he concentrated on regaining physical condition. Then he launched his comeback. He was in no hurry. He realized he faced a long, tough pull. Starting modestly enough, he gradually fought his way through the lesser brackets and into stronger opposition. A few weeks ago he felt he was ready to make a bid for topline recognition. He was matched with Andre Famechon, of the noted French fighting family. Famechon had just beaten Billy Thompson, one of Britain's better young lightweights. It was a real test for Barnham, and Tommy came through in brilliant style, outboxing and outpunching the Frenchman in one of the finest exhibitions seen in a London ring in some little time.

Another dispatch concerns the veteran Peter Kane, one-time flyweight champion of the world, who was supposedly washed-up several years ago, when he lost the sight of one eye. A noted English surgeon performed a remarkable operation, and Peter regained his vision. Though it represented a risky gamble, he could not resist the temptation to take another crack at ring warfare. Beyond the thirty-year mark in age, and with more than a decade of tough campaigning behind him, Kane returned to action as a bantam last year, and, as this is being written, he is listed as one of the top 118-pounders in Britain.

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ANOTHER overseas dispatch—this one from far-off New Zealand—reminds us of the punch that really won for Max Schmeling in his first meeting with Joe Louis at the Yankee Stadium—the thunderous right that Max landed on Shufflin' Joe's unprotected jaw after the bell clanged the end of the fifth round. Down in Wellington, Bos Murphy, sensational New Zealand middleweight, was boxing Willie Jones, an importation from the United States. So much of a racket was being raised by the enthusiastic fans that Murphy did not hear the gong sound the close of the fifth session. Jones apparently did, however, and as he dropped his arms, to turn toward his corner, Bos nailed him with a terrific left hook to the chin. Down went Willie with a thud. His seconds worked frantically during the minute's rest, but could not revive him. When he was unable to come out for the sixth, the referee, Len Stewart, disqualified Murphy for hitting after the bell. It must have been a tough decision for a local referee to make against a home-town idol, but, come what may, rules are rules with the folks Down Under.

Stanley Joss' husky Oklahoma heavy, Sandy McPherson, put himself in line for some serious attention by ambling along to Baltimore and holding Curtis (Hatchetman) Sheppard to a close ten-round decision. . . . Larry Atkins, Cleveland promoter, was in town, angling for an Artie Levine-Tommy Bell shindig. Off their respective showings against Ray Robinson, Levine and Bell would represent just about the hottest "natural" Larry could offer his Forest City clients. . . . A young Finnish welter, Yrjo Piitulainen, stirred up a lot of interest in workouts at Stillman's gym recently, but it developed he was not here for any fights. He had merely accompanied his manager, Eddie Ahlquist, Swedish promoter, on a combination business-pleasure jaunt that had nothing to do with boxing. From what he flashed in the gym, Piitulainen would do well in American rings, and there's a possibility he'll be coming back shortly to try his luck here. . . . Lack of flyweight opposition on this side of the Atlantic has prompted Black Pico, official 112-pound champion of Cuba, to pull up stakes and head for Europe with his trainer, Hilario Garcia. Pico is booked for a Paris engagement March 30 with Emile Famechon, and two weeks later will hook up with Raoul Degryse in Belgium, after which he plans to invade England and bid for a world title match with Jackie Paterson.

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THE death of Tom Shugrue in Waterbury, Conn., recalls the activities of as colorful, but ill-fated, a fighting clan as the ring has known. Tom did no serious boxing himself, but he handled his younger brothers, Joe, Johnny and Willie. The Shugrues originally were out of Jersey City, but divided their allegiance between the old home town and Waterbury. Joe was the best known and most successful and from 1910 to 1915 rated as one of the world's top lightweights. He stopped Benny Leonard early in that great Champion's career, and fought Freddie Welsh, Leach Cross, Johnny Dundee, Charley White, Fighting Dick Hyland, Matty Baldwin, Milburn Saylor and the rest of the good 'uns. Failing eyesight forced Joe to retire when he was at the peak of his form. It was rather a grim coincidence that threatened blindness also cut short the career of Johnny, likewise a lightweight, while Willie, a featherweight, was fatally injured in a fall from a roof of a school where he was working. Neither Johnny nor Willie attained the prominence of illustrious Joe, but both were good fighters.

On a recent visit, Sid Cohen, Brooklyn boy who made good in Honolulu, arranged for Lew Burston, charge d'affaires of Mike Jacobs' Foreign Department, to represent several of Hawaii's top ringmen for international bookings. Among those contracted for is David Kui Kong Young, ranking contender for the world bantam title. Burston is lining up a tour for Young in Europe, where 118-pounders are plentiful and popular. . . . Jack Kearns, the old Doc himself is still in there punching. Jack recently came up with a new heavy hope, Chief Don Eagle, who entered a Louisville ring with an expansive Indian robe and only a scalp-lock showing on his shaven head. . . . We looked, blinked, looked again, and, sure enough, there were the names Jeff Smith and Mike McTigue gazing up at us from the pages of the foreign section of Nat Fleischer's 1947 Boxing Record Book, just off the press. They weren't, of course, the Jeff and Mike you old-timers knew, and you young-timers have heard so much about, but a couple of youngsters fighting over in the British Isles.

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SOME day somebody will find the answer to Morris Reif's amazing box-office appeal. The Brooklyn banger is no champ, and probably never will be one, but he certainly packs 'em in. Any time he is billed to strut his stuff at the Broadway Arena, his favorite stamping grounds, the place is sold out days in advance regardless of who the opponent is. Though he has yet to win a main event in the Garden, he has drawn some terrific houses there. Recently, showing for the first time in Chicago, Reif teamed with Johnny Bratton to draw $54,000, the largest

indoor gate recorded in the Windy City in several years. (Only three nights later, a world champ, Ike Williams, played to less than $11,000 with Gene Burton there.) Don't ask us the reason for Reif's magnetism. We're only a reporter, not a psychologist. . . . Ye old sun dodger, Francis Albertanti, did a bang-up job, per expectations, of ballyhooing the Lee Oma-Pat Comiskey heavyweight affair in the Jersey City Armory. The years haven't slowed Francis down any. He can still punch out a lot of literature on the old Underwood. . . . Latest European arrival is heavyweight Duilio Bertolo Spagnolo, of Italy. Imported by Phil Buccolo of Boston.

Omelio Agramonte, Cuban heavy, came off the floor to pound out a unanimous decision over Teddy Randolph, New York, in a ten-rounder at the St. Nick Arena. Agramonte carried every round but the fourth, in which he was dropped for a count of five by a smashing right to the jaw. The Cuban weighed 183½ to Randolph's 182½. In the eight-round semi-final, Mario Ramon, 142½, Mexico City, outpunched Willie Odom, 146, Chicago. In the prelims, Carl Di Pietro, 134¼, East Side, kayoed Billy Hillyard, 130½, Brooklyn, in the second; Paddy Young, 141, West Side, flattened Elderd Williams, 138, Brooklyn, also in the second; Abe Hopes, 165¼, Brooklyn, outpointed Charley McPherson, 161½, Brooklyn, in six, and Tony Maciarelli, 152½, Bronx, drew with Eddie Brown, 147½, Brooklyn, in four.

Something of an upset was registered when Al Pennino, of Brooklyn's Red Hook sector, outpunched his Bushwick rival, Jimmy Warren, in a bruising eight-rounder at the Broadway Arena. Pennino got off to a fast start in the opening frame by staggering Warren with a long right to the chin, and Jimmy never quite caught up to him, though the milling was close, and Al's margin slight at the finish. Pennino scaled 130½ to 132¼ for Warren. Frankie Rubino, 136, East New York, whipped Jimmy Allen, 136, Philadelphia, in a co-feature eight; Frank Hardman, 140, Atlanta, outpointed Johnny Van, 143¾, East New York, in six; Melville McKinney, 184, Brooklyn, defeated Add Davis, 194¾, Varnville, S. C., and Willie Wilson, 139¾, Brooklyn, whipped Pat Cesare, 142, East New York, in fours. In another four, Sonny List, 126¼, Ridgewood, drew with Charley Titone, 121½, Williamsburg.

Dennis (Pat) Brady, 130, sensational young Bronxite, celebrated his nineteenth birthday by kayoing Clem Rodriguez, 125½, in the sixth at the Forum Arena. The turnout was the best of the season at the Bronx sluggery, 2,436 customers contributing $3,073 to the till. The semi-final also wound up with a kayo, Ralph Nieves, 153¾, Bronx, stopping Mel Griffin, 155, Harlem, in the third.

Rocco Rossano, 144¾, Brooklyn, went one up in his series with Tommy Houston, 147, Glendale, by taking an eight-round decision at the Jamaica Arena. The rivals had previously battled to a draw in the same ring. Ruben Jones, 174, Norfolk, Va., outpunched Billy Pappas, 175½, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. In another six, Mickey Zangara, 153½, Bronx, whipped Tony Bertucci, 154, Brooklyn.

Turning in one of his finest boxing exhibitions, Billy Graham, 141½, decisively whipped rugged Ruby Kessler, 146, Coney Island, in their Madison Square Garden ten-rounder. Kessler was reputed the harder hitter of the two, but it was Graham who landed the heftier wallops, Billy dropping Ruby for a seven count in the third, and saggering him in the sixth, seventh and eighth. The turnout was surprisingly good, 14,121 clients paying out a gross of $60,122.

Frankie Palermo, 140½, Fordham, grabbed the nod over Al LaBarba, 144½, Bronx, when Referee Al Boyle stopped the bout in the fifth because of a nasty cut over the loser's eye. Tommy Monty, 128½, Brooklyn, had too much stuff for Benny May, 121¾, Montreal; Joey Falco, 150½, Philadelphia, outpunched Tommy Marra, 150½, White Plains, and Paddy DeMarco, 134¾, Brooklyn, won over Joe Holmes, 137½, Passaic, N. J., in sixes. Tommy Lynch, 142½, Wilmington, outboxed Billy Griffin, 138½, Bronx, in the opening four.

Clem Fitzpatrick, 159½, Ozone Park, and Mel Hawkins, 159½, Jamaica, battled it out for eight rounds at the Ridgewood Grove, with little to choose between them at the finish. The draw decision was unanimous. Juan Serrano, 160, Havana, won over Coolidge Miller, 165, Brownsville, in another eight. In fours, Abie Hopes, 164, Brooklyn, licked Hal Gary, 160½, New York; Charley Titone, 122, Ridgewood, stopped Willie Sawyer, 121, Harlem, in the fourth; Carl Cutchins, 141½, New York, flattened Elie Simley, 144, New York, in the third, and Greg Gomez, 130½, Jamaica, kayoed Lindy Miller, 135, Brooklyn, also in the third.

Belting Willie Beltram, 137, punched out an eight-round decision over Juan Cerrero, 138½, Puerto Rico, at the Park Arena. Johnny LaRusso, 133, Bronx, knocked out Jimmy Allen, 136, Philadelphia, in the first round of the semi-final. Mike Belluscio, 209, Rye, flattened Johnny Haloway, 205, South Carolina, in the second; Ruben Jones, 171, Norfolk, outpointed Willie Hedgemond, 179½, Florida, in six, and George LaFalgio, 126½, Bronx, defeated Arthur List, 127½, Brooklyn, in four.

Cyril Gallie, 143, colorful young Welshman, made it four wins in five starts at the Broadway Arena by punching Pat Scanlon, 145, Ozone Park, into submission in three hectic rounds. Gallie had too much of everything for Scanlon. After smothering Pat with a speedy two-handed assault in the first, Cyril dumped the Long Islander twice in the second, first for eight, then for nine. Continuing his furious attack in the third, Gallie repeatedly staggered his game opponent, and shortly before the close of the round, ripped open an ugly gash over Pat's left eye. That was enough for Referee Jack Appel. In the eight-round semi-final, Tommy Monty, 129, Brooklyn, whipped Leo LeBrun, 122, Bronx. Joe Gamby, 122¼, outpunched Sammy Chernoff, 127¾, Brooklyn, in six, while in fours, Abe Hopes, 162¾, stopped Karo Smith, 162, Harlem, in the third; Joe Jordan, 147, Brooklyn, beat Dom Reyes, 142, Puerto Rico, and Al Hirsh, 153, East Side, outfought Al Zack, 153, West Side.

Al (Red) Priest, highly touted Cambridge, Mass., middleweight, proved a keen disappointment in his Madison Square Garden debut. Johnny Buckley's latest protege, something of a four-alarm riot in his native New England, was lucky to grab a draw after ten rounds of pulling and hauling with Cowboy Ruben Shank. It wasn't that Red didn't try hard enough. He did. But his style and Shank's just didn't jell. Priest couldn't figure the Cowboy's awkward method of operations, and the result was more mauling than fighting, more missing than hitting. Priest came in at 155½ to Shank's 160½. The box office figures were somewhat off the Garden's usual standard, the customers totaling 8,314 and the receipts hitting $29,605.

In the best battle of the card, Irving Palefsky, 147¾, Bronx, and Alajandro Vega, 146½, Mexico, uncovered a real old-fashioned barroom brawl for six rounds when the referee, Mark Conn, called a halt because of several nasty cuts over the Mexican's eyes. Palefsky was well out in front at the time, but Vega was making things interesting for him.

Another ten returned Billy Arnold, 154½, Philadelphia, winner over Danny Rosati, 158¼, Newark. Arnold floored Rosati for counts in the third and fifth, then tired, and just about staggered home in front.

Joe Aponte Torres, 128, Puerto Rico, outfought Lorenzo Safora, 128, Mexico, in six, and Jerry Heminger, 165, Tiffin, Ohio, defeated Leroy McQueen, 163, St. Louis, in four.

Tony La Bua, 135, Ozone Park, stopped Danny Randi, 132½, East Side, in the second heat of a scheduled eight at the Jamaica Arena. The veteran Lee Harper, 131¾, Ozone Park, proved too experienced for Rafael Barrera, 133¼, Mexico City, and Davey Cohen, 144, Bronx, punched too hard and too often for Jim Kennedy, 148, Brooklyn, in sixes. Ralph Collota, 165, Port Chester, outpointed Billy Nelson, 148, in four.

Pedro Montanez, one-time ace lightweight, now a manager, uncovered his latest charge, Jorge Estrada of Havana, at the Forum Arena, but the young man's debut hit a snag. He was outpointed in eight rounds by Lou Cosiano of the Bronx. Estrada scaled 135½ to Cosiano's 132. In the semi-final six, Sal Ferello, 119½, Harlem, whipped Jimmy Hegeman, 126½, Brooklyn. In other sixes. Jimmy Mangin, 159½, East Side, kayoed King David, 160½, Harlem, in the second, and Al Silverman, 139½, Bronx, flattened John Jamison, 134½, Harlem, in the fourth. In fours, Jimmy Cannon, 155½, Bronx, defeated Billy Danker, 152, Bronx; Nic Lauricella, 136½, Greenwich Village, won over Billy Hilliard, 131, Bronx, and Carl Di Pietro, 134½, East Side, outpointed Art Davis, 137, Harlem.

Patsy Giovenelli, 140½, outslugged his Brooklyn rival, Julie Bort, 138½ in a lively eight-rounder at the Park Arena. Carmine Fatta, 134, Newburgh, proved too experienced for Eddie White, 135, Harlem, in another eight. Sal Ferrello, 119½, Harlem, knocked out Fausto Garcia, 127, Mexico, in the second, and Angelo Morganti, 145, Astoria, flattened Joe Stace, 144, Montreal, in the first. Johnny Johnnikin, 131½, Harlem, whipped Ed White, 136, Jamaica, and Ralph Colanti, 147¾, Port Chester, outpointed Joe Poccia, 142¾, Yonkers, in fours.

Johnny Lomax, who also operates as Johnny Taylor on occasion, edged out Joe Governale of Brooklyn in an eight-round middleweight fuss at the Ridgewood Grove. The New Yorker had Governale on the deck three times, once in the third and twice in the eighth. Georgie Small, steadily improving Brownsville youngster, outpunched Charley McPherson, of Brooklyn, in another middleweight eight. Henry Holly, New York, whipped Jimmy Johnson, Mt. Vernon, in a six-round light-heavyweight affair, while in another six Sid Haber, Brownsville welter, flattened Charley Grant, Bronx, in the first. Lou Perez, the clouting clown middleweight, entertained with a win over Leroy McQueen of Brooklyn; Frank Padillo, New York feather, outscored Ray Ortiz, Puerto Rico, and Melvin McKinney, Brooklyn heavy, whipped Jack Babgy, Texas, in fours.

Herb Kronowitz, belting Coney Islander, made it two straight over Billy Walker, Saybrook, Conn., in a ten-rounder at the St. Nick Arena, but, as in the first meeting, he had to battle all the way to finish in front. It was a bruising battle, with Kronowitz packing too much power for his willing opponent. The scrap, for which Kronowitz scaled 160¼ to Walker's 161, drew one of the largest turnouts of the season, the crowd taxing the club's limited capacity of 3,500, and contributing a gate of $10,387.

In the semi-final eight, Joey Carkido, 139¼, Youngstown, outpointed Victor Moreno, 139, Venezuela, but the loser, specializing in body counters, proved a troublesome customer. Tommy Rhett, 113, Harlem, was awarded a close six-round decision over Jose (Colon) Garcia, 116, Puerto Rico, and in another six Roy Taylor, 173, Bronx, slugged his way to a win over Tom Hubert, 165½, Reading, Pa. In fours, Hal Anspach, 160, Williamsport, Pa., stopped Jimmy Hardway, 165, Harlem, in the second, and Johnny Marino, 131, Brooklyn, copped a close verdict over Georgie La Falgio, 126½, Bronx.

Bernard Docusen, the New Orleans stylist, was his usual dazzling self in tossing an artistic boxing lesson to rugged Johnny Williams in an eight-rounder at the Broadway Arena. The Alabaman fought his usual aggressive battle, and forced the action all the way, but found Docusen too fast and clever for him. At 145, Bernard had a pound the better of the weights. In the semi-final, Vic Amato, 162½, Brooklyn, flattened Art Robinson, 162, Pittsburgh, in the second. In a six, Paul Klang, 175, Brooklyn, punched out a decision over Henry Odom, 173, Washington, N. C. In fours, Everett Chapman, 147, Harlem, whipped Mario De Angelo, 142, Brooklyn; Johnny Johnnikin, 132½, West Side, was too busy for Grady Wilson, 128, Bronx, and Eddie Brown, 145, Brooklyn, slapped out a decision over Dom Marchesi, 145½, Brooklyn.

Lightweights apparently represent no more difficult a problem for sharpshooting Sandy Saddler than do featherweights. The Harlemite, at 128½, spotted an even ten pounds to Humberto Zavala at the St. Nick, and stopped the rugged Mexican in the seventh. Saddler was entirely too many for Zavala, who absorbed terrific punishment from the start. Sidney Miller, 160½, Washington Heights, and Antonio Carmona, 163¾, Puerto Rico, battled to an eight-round draw in the semi-final. Eldridge Eatman, 192½, Norwalk, Conn., proved too experienced for young Eddie Franklin, 192½, Philadelphia, and Harold Stine, 136¾, Harlem, outpointed Kenny Haines, 134, Paterson, in sixes. In fours, Willie Wilson, 137, Brooklyn, outfought Billy Griffin, 139, Bronx, and Mickey Garcia, 130, Bronx, whipped Johnny Moran, Puerto Rico.

Al Guido, 140¾, Harlem, outslugged Frankie Palermo, 139¾, Bronx, in a lively eight-rounder at the Park Arena. Luther McMillen, 173½, Brooklyn, had the better of Jerry Heminger, 164½, Tiffin, O., in another eight. Ronnie Burns, 140½, Paterson, outpointed Kenny Hilton, 139¼, Brooklyn, in the only six to go the route. In the others, Roy Thomas, 188½, Brooklyn, stopped Jimmy Savarese, 213, Brooklyn, in five; Angelo Marganti, 143, Astoria, halted Art McKinney, 147, Bronx, in one, and Anthony Viserto, 138½, Fordham, kayoed George Scott, 138, Harlem, also in the first.

Tommy Marra, 150, White Plains, was the winner over Mel Hawkins, 158¾, Jamaica, in a top eight that drew a sellout crowd of 3,000 to the Jamaica Arena. Marra punched a bit too hard and too often for the local favorite. In the semi-final six, Fred Menna, 147, Jamaica, outpointed Leo Charles, 139½, Elizabeth, N. J.

Resuming activities after a two-months' layoff, Leo Milito, undefeated East Sider, punched out an impressive eight-round decision over Bernie Bernard of Brooklyn at the Forum Arena. Milito, at 135½, enjoyed a five-pound pull in the weights. In a hotly contested semi-final six, Mickey Zengara, 149½, was returned the winner over his Bronx rival, Ralph Nieves, 150½.

Showing in the Garden for the first time since his riotous affair with Rocky Graziano a year before, Harold Green proved too strong, too aggressive and too hefty a belter for lanky Pete Mead, of Grand Rapids, and punched his way to a unanimous ten-round decision. Mead, with advantages in height and reach, made an interesting battle of it, using his long left effectively at times, but didn't have the stamina or experience to hold off the determined Green, and repeatedly was in distress from the Brooklynite's vicious punching. The rivals scaled in at the same mark, 154. The attendance was 11,133 and the gate a surprisingly good $47,997.

Though shaken up several times, Lou Valles, Graziano's East Side protege, had much the better of his eight-round argument with Vinnie Rossano of Brooklyn. Valles tipped the beam at 153½ to Rossano's 151.

Paddy Young, 145½, West Side, lost his head and tossed a few untimely belts at Tony Viserto, 140¾, Bronx, while the latter was reclining on the ring apron, and was disqualified early in the second round. Frank Hardeman, 139, Atlanta,

proved too shifty for Johnny Mazanoble, 147½, Schenectady, in a slow six. Billy (Killer) Kilroy, East Rutherford, N. J., was there again in another six, whipping Tony Bertucci, 156½, Brooklyn. Tony Mazciorella, 154¾, Bronx, outpunched Edward Brown, 150¼, and Sal Ferello, 119½, Bronx, whipped Marvin Dick, 123, Brooklyn, in a couple of fours.

Maxie Shapiro, veteran East Sider, copped a split ten-round decision over rugged Patsy Brandino, the Canadian, at the Ridgewood Grove. Shapiro, at 135, spotted his opponent five pounds. In the semi-final eight, Tommy Garland, 181, Holiywood, stretched his Eastern winning streak to four straight by outpointing Jimmy Hooper, 175, Brooklyn. Jimmy Mangia, 150, kayoed Ray Shaf, 157, in the sixth round of an all-East Side argument, while another six resulted in a decision for Billy Nelson, 147, Harlem, over Jim Kennedy, 147, Washington. In fours, Larry Davis, 170, stopped Jim Hardaway, 166, in the third, and Al Hirsh, 150, flattened Earl Shore, 146, in the fourth.

In about as riotous a punchfest as New Yorkers have seen in months, Sanders Cox, 185½, Dallas, outlasted Harry Berntsen, 206, at the St. Nick Arena, and won by a kayo in the third. The more experienced Cox had Berntsen wabbly in the first, but the Norwegian came back in the second to drop Sanders for a nine count, and have him groggy at the bell. The Texan wound up the brawl by flattening Berntsen with a terrific right in 1:01 of the third. Ray Spurlock, 164, Kansas City, outpointed Antonio Carmona, 163, Puerto Rico, in the semi-final eight, while in sixes Oscar Goode, 184, Newark, decisioned Willie Hayes, 185, Jersey City, and Mario Ramon, 140, Mexico City, kayoed Walter Keene, 139¼, Pittsburgh. Herbi Roscoe Hinson, 146, Harlem, outpointed Ralph Calautti, 151, Port Chester, and Hal Anspach, 159, Williamsport, Pa., defeated James Cannon, 155¾, Bronx, in fours.

Billy (Killer) Kilroy finally came acropper at the Park Arena, where he tired in the closing sessions to blow an eight-round decision to Tommy Marra of White Plains. It was the young East Rutherford middleweight's first defeat in twenty-four starts. Billy scaled 155¾ to Marra's 150. In the semi-final, Joey (Red) D'Amato, 146, Youngstown, ran off his sixteenth straight win by flattening Eddie Brown, 146, Brooklyn, in the first. Mike Belluscio, 201, Rye, outpunched Roy Thomas, 189, Brooklyn, in six, and Angelo Morganti, 143, Brooklyn, defeated Everett Chapman, 142, Bronx, in four. Frank Nordizzi, 143, Corona, stopped George Montgomery, 143, Cleveland, in the third.

Belting Willie Beltram needed a strong finish to nose out Al Pennino in an eight-rounder at the Broadway Arena. The Bronx bomber's heavy artillery held no terrors for Pennino, and in the early scuffling it was Red Hook Al who did most of the effective fighting and heavier punching. Beltram got the range in the closing sessions, however, and finished the stronger. Willie weighed 135¾ to 131¼ for Pennino. In the semi-final eight, Davey Cohen, 143, Bronx, outpunched Johnny Vann, 145, East New York. Henry Holley, 176, Brooklyn, whipped Henry Odom, 176, Washington, N. C., and Jimmy Hegeman, 130½, Brooklyn, had the better of Manuel Zurita, 130½, Mexico City, in sixes. In fours, Art McKenzie, 147½, Bronx, kayoed Leonard Lukes, 147½, Brooklyn, in the third, and David Peters, 137¾, Harlem, nosed out Ronnie Burns, 140, Paterson.

Youthful Dennis Pat Brady, 129, Bronx, making rapid strides toward headline status, added another win to his rapidly increasing record by punching out an eight-round decision over Lloyd Hudson, 129½, Portland, Me., at the Forum Arena. The youngster had to step his liveliest all the way, but had a clear margin at the finish. Brother Pat Brady, 136½, kept the family 'scutcheon clean by whipping Kenny Hilton, 135, Brooklyn, in four.

A strong finish gave Tony LaBua, 134, Ozone Park, the verdict over Donald Murray, 136, New Rochelle, in a featured six at the Jamaica Arena. It was LaBua's twentieth win in twenty-one starts. In the semi-final six, Andy (Buster) Pepe, 176, Greenwich Village, repeated a previous win over Willie Pappas, 176, Brooklyn, but the margin was close.

Despite hitting the deck for a nine-count in the seventh, Maxie Shapiro, veteran East Sider, boasted a slight edge over Phil Terranova, top-ranking feather, at the close of ten interesting rounds at the St. Nick. Shapiro, at 134¾, had a five and a quarter pound pull in weight over the Bronxite, and this advantage stood him in good stead. Gene Boland, 155½, Detroit, won over Johnny Harvey, 159, Port Chester, in the semi-final eight, while Hal Anspach, 157, Williamsport, Pa., outpointed Benny Davis, 160½, Port Chester, and Phil Burton, 147½, St. Louis, defeated Jimmy Isler, 152½, Newark, in sixes. In fours, Robert Fehl, 144¼, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Lee Kirby, 148, Washington, in the second, and Gene Salaco, 132, outfought his Bronx rival, Al Headley, 132½.

Joey Fontana, 134, Brooklyn, survived a rough first round to take a decision over Frankie Rubino, 136, Brooklyn, in eight at the Ridgewood Grove. Fontana was floored for nine in the opening frame, but had Rubino down for two in the third. In the semi-final eight, Frankie Gromada, 138, New York, outpointed Bobby Cummings, 143, Philadelphia. Jerry Heminger whipped Luther McMullen, Sid Haber outpointed Ross Anzelone, and Joe Nelson K.O.'ed Joey Stacey in the prelims.

One of the top surprises of the season was registered by Georgie Kochan, transplanted Akronite, who outpunched Johnny Colan, of the West Side, in a real old-fashioned Pier 6 brawl at the St. Nick. Staggered with a sucker punch shortly after the bout started, Colan was floored for nine-counts in the second and seventh frames, and those knockdowns just about decided the issue, despite a furious rally by the West Sider in the closing stanzas. Kochan scaled 179 to Colan's 173½. A sellout crowd of 3,700 contributed a gross of $10,085 to the till.

With an eight and a half pound pull in the weights, Tony Antognoli, 140½, Greenwich Village, was lucky to grab the decision over Charley Noel, 132, Jersey City, in the semi-final eight. Noel apparently had the edge. Stanley Goicz, 180½, Yonkers, outpointed Billy Papoutsis (Pappas), 177½, Brooklyn, and Harry LaSane, 129, newcomer from Texas, had the better of Al Smith, 127½, Newark, in sixes. In fours, Dom Marchese, 147¾, Brooklyn, battled to a draw with Joseph Piccia, 142½, Yonkers, and Tony Maciarella, 156, Bronx, defeated his borough rival, Jimmy Jackson, 161.

Al Pennino turned in one of his best performances in stopping his Brooklyn rival, Julie Bort, at the Broadway Arena. Red Hook Al boxed cleverly for four rounds, then turned on the pressure in the fifth, unleashing a furious assault that overwhelmed Bort. Julie suffered a knockdown and a nasty gash over his left eye in the hectic milling. When the cut reopened at the start of the sixth, the referee called a halt. Pennino scaled 132½ to Bort's 136. The semi-final resulted in a quick win for Vic Amato, 161, Brooklyn, who floored Augie Fleischauer, 159½, Bronx, three times and stopped him in the first. A treat to watch was a six in which Marvin Dick, 124¾, Brooklyn, edged out his borough rival, Joe Gamby, 124. Joey Brocato, 134, East Side, outfumbled Lou Prince, 135½, Princeton, N. J., in another six. In fours, Joe Jordan, 148, Brooklyn, outpunched Grady Winfield, 153, Bronx, and Kenny Hilton, Brooklyn, apparently had the better of Johnny Marino, 133, East New York, but only received a draw.

Gus Lesnevich's up-and-coming young protege, Bernie Reynolds, 180¼, made it eighteen wins and sixteen kayoes in nineteen professional outings by flattening Willie Brown, 196, Bronx, in the third at the Park Arena. In a co-feature, Lou Angelo, 157½, Bayonne, slugged his way to a clean-cut decision over Clem Fitzpatrick, 160¾, Brooklyn, in eight.

A nine-count knockdown in the sixth cinched the verdict for Freddie Menna, 147½, Jamaica, in a lively eight with Tommy Houston, 147, Glendale, at the Jamaica Arena. In sixes, Charley Zack, 151, West Side, outpointed Freddie Howell, 152, Virgin Islands; Jerry Darby, 134½, Jamaica, battled to a draw with Charley Watson, 128, Panama City, and Mike Santonino, 152, Corona, kayoed Teddy Wilson, 156, Bronx, in the first. The opening four found Charley Titone, 122, Brooklyn, out in front of Mike Bitet, 123, Ozone Park.

The first major boxing card offered in Jersey City in six years saw the curtain drop on Lee Oma as a heavyweight headliner. The Detroit veteran, at 193, was worn down by body punches and finally flattened in the seventh round by Pat Comiskey, 220, in the Fourth Regiment Armory. Oma, apparently in poor condition, was no match for the husky Patersonian, and after the first couple of rounds it became only a question of how long he would last. The gate, $22,000, was highly encouraging to the new promoters, and indicated that Jersey City may again become a top fistic center in the East.

UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING

By CARL E. HAYDEN

SCOUTS in the Intermountain states are keeping an eye on Dale Hammond, Pocatello, Idaho. At the latest count, the 135-pounder had won all except one of his 52 bouts, and he held that one to a draw. A survivor of the aircraft carrier, U. S. S. *Hornet*, which was sunk in World War II by the Japanese, Hammond was champion in his weight for the Northwest region in the navy.

Now a student in business administration at Idaho Southern University, Hammond, 23 years old, formerly attended the University of New Mexico where he played guard on the football team. He featured in the 1945 Sun Bowl game at El Paso, Tex., in which New Mexico defeated Denver, Colo., 34 to 24. Hammond is married and is in his sophomore year in college.

In a recent fight, he knocked out Jack Boden, former national A.A.U. semifinalist, in the third round. It was the first time Boden had ever been flattened.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES

By MICKEY DAVIES

THERE was only one show staged in the state last month, with the Radio Center Club in Huntington operating on January 13. The ten-frame headliner featured Willie Russell, 138, Columbus, Ohio, opposing Sparky Reynolds, 143, transplanted Indianapolis clouter, in what turned out to be a real thriller. Willie copped the duke in ten rounds.

In the semi-windup, Buster Miles, Indiana welterweight, spotted Mutt Schwartz, some poundage, and gave the Buckeye boy a neat boxing lesson in six heats.

Jackie Taylor, 132, Columbus, looked like the Taylor of old when he dusted Kid Budkin, in round three of a slated six.

Carlie Cox, local welter, making his second try at the pro game, decisioned Don Fierro, 147, in the opening six.

Between Rounds—Johnny Brizendine, a very good welter in his day, is back on his feet after being bedridden for the past year. . . . Johnny was badly banged up in an auto collision in Ohio. . . . The AAC gym in Huntington was razed by fire last month. . . . The Y.M.C.A. in Huntington staged a city amateur tournament on January 24 and 25th. Champions were crowned in both the Open and Novice classes.

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FISTIC NEWS IN EDMONTON AND CALGARY, CAN.

By WALT MARLOW

BENNY GEARY, 143, Edmonton, laid further claim to the vacant Western Canadian welterweight title on Jan. 21, when he decisioned Ray Colling, 153, Vancouver, in the main attraction of an Andy Aldi promoted card at the Silver Glade Pavilion in Edmonton.

Turning in a highly creditable performance, he copped the nod of both the judges and the referee. A crowd of 1,100, which is capacity for the Glade, sat in on the six-bout program.

The semi-windup to the Geary-Colling headliner caught the eyes of the fans as the best fight of the night. Johnny Kos, 146, Calgary, and Jack Berry, 147, Edmonton, hooked up in an eight-rounder that saw more continuous action than any bout on the card. A late rally copped the duke for Kos. Kos floored the Edmontonian six times.

Louie Demers, 162, Morinville, stopped Terry McTigue, 162, Edmonton, in the second. The bout was halted by Referee Mickey McGuire when McTigue made no effort to fight. The Commission later termed the fight as a T.K.O. for Demers.

In the "fours". Gordon Gray, 151, Viking, decisioned Wayne McCullough, 147, Edmonton; Dusty Rhodes, 140, Edmonton, decisioned Sterling Tyler, 136, Edmonton, and Ralph Goddard, 120, Edmonton, copped the verdict from Davie Anderson, 121, Edmonton.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By SELSSO TIBORRO

THE 1947 boxing season opened on January 18, with a good boxing card. In the feature attraction, Chucha Ruiz, 137, a hard punching boy, disposed of Luis Arguelles, 137, in the sixth round. Raul Bustamante, 135, drew with Pedro Viesca, 136, in ten.

On January 22, Leonardo Lopez, 128, Mexican featherweight champion, stopped Tony Becerra, 126, in the second round. Lalo Gallardo, 130, decisioned Manuel Hernandez, 127, in ten.

On January 25, Monito Bernardo, 113, got the decision over Gene Kelly, 118, American boy from Texas, in 10. Gilberto Ossorio, 118, decisioned Babe Zaragoza, 119, in 10.

On January 29, Jorge Aobles, 118, K.O.'ed Luis Reyes, 117, in the second chapter. In the semi-final, Ernesto Gallardo, 129, decisioned Pete Pacheco, 124, in 10.

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Another Murphy

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had not been created since Pete Sarron, speedy American featherweight, had fought Donovan and Leckie here 16 years before. It was the commencement of a boxing boom in this country.

In view of the fact that many competent Australian judges had rated Patrick as the greatest Australian since immortal Les Darcy, it was thought in most quarters that it was sheer foolishness to throw in young Murphy, with only twelve professional fights, against such a champion. But the Hutt Valley Boxing Association stood fast and firm in their belief that Murphy would provide Patrick with more than a little opposition, and Patrick arrived in Wellington in April. From the outset, Patrick and his manager dictated their terms to New Zealand boxing officials in no uncertain manner. McQuillan, Patrick's manager, demanded that the fight be fought with 6 ounce gloves, despite the fact that under New Zealand rules, 8 ounce gloves must be used for the welterweights and heavier weight divisions. Then Manager McQuillan insisted on the judges being dispensed with and the referee being the sole arbiter. It is interesting here to note that despite the fact McQuillan was not slow to tell all of New Zealand over the air and in the papers that Patrick would "kill" Murphy in a few rounds, he still took the precaution to dispense with the judges.

So once again the Boxing Association and the Murphy camp acquiesced. Thirdly they insisted that the fighters be weighed in at the ringside before the fight, and not at the gymnasium, the usual place for weighing-in in this country. The answer was "yes," once more. It is difficult to imagine any fighter from overseas going to America or Australia and demanding concessions such as those and not being told to pack up and take themselves somewhere else. But so keen were the Hutt officials and the Bos Murphy camp to see the fight come off, that they willingly allowed all these scarcely reasonable concessions to be made.

Finally, all was ready . . . the stage was set for what was undoubtedly New Zealand's "Battle of the Century." Patrick entered the ring as a welterweight, weighing 137 pounds. He had had 47 fights, of which he had won 40 by KO, 5 on points, and lost 2. Murphy, weighing 144 pounds, had had 12 fights, of which he had won 11 and lost 1.

On April 27 of last year, they met at Petone, near Wellington, for a 12-round bout billed as being for the Welterweight Championship of Australia and New Zealand. Murphy won on points. He carried the fight like a veteran.

Shortly after his victory over Patrick, Murphy, whose lean, lanky frame was beginning to fill out, relinquished the New Zealand welterweight title, and announced his graduation into the middleweight class. Following a couple of minor triumphs, he was matched with Roy Stevens in Auckland. Stevens, since losing to Murphy the previous year, had acquired the island's middleweight and light-heavyweight titles. Neither of Stevens' championships was involved in the return match with Bos, and lucky for him. Murphy won in 10 rounds.

Bos wound up his year's activities by trouncing the former Australian middleweight king, Jack Kirkham, in 10 rounds in Wellington.

At the moment, Murphy is considering offers to fight in Britain and the United States. He is keen to meet Vince Hawkins, the English holder of the British Empire middleweight title, and he also would like to stack up against such outstanding American 160-pounders as Jake LaMotta, Charley Burley, Georgie Abrams, and, of course, Champion Tony Zale.

New Zealand fans are confident that Bos would give an excellent account of himself against any ringman in the world.

Graziano Verdict

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license now knows the wording and intent of Rule 64. That is of tremendous importance.

Having started in the right direction, the Eagan-Powell–duo now can start a real house cleaning.

Out with a number of political lobbygows who infest the New York Commission personnel and whose presence does not do the sport any good.

Out with the under-cover managers and thugs who are the real "owners" of many of our best fighters. Clean this up and 75 percent of the trouble is eliminated.

One of the political lobbygows, a highly paid deputy commissioner, took Graziano about the shoulders and posed for the cameramen during the hearings. "Don't worry—everything will be O.K., Rocky," said this man right in the hearing of his Commission superior, while the photographers were snapping the pictures.

Out with the phonies, and in with half a dozen FBI type Commission employees who will have no political affiliations and will know no brother. Men who know boxing can act as investigators and will do a good clean-up job.

And in with a third Commissioner. The job is too rough for three men. Yet Governor Tom Dewey for more than a year kept the third post open, while the boxing writers of New York have continued to shout, futilely, for the naming of Nat Fleischer, publisher and editor of THE RING Magazine, a man who can be a big help to the Commission.

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SO much for the Graziano decision and its New York repercussions.

How about its meaning outside of New York—let us say, in the domain of the National Boxing Association, of which Abe Greene, Paterson, N. J., newspaperman, is the head?

As this issue of THE RING Magazine goes to press, the NBA is talking about a Graziano hearing of its own.

There is random conversation in New York boxing circles about a whitewashing of Graziano, and an NBA okeh of a fight with Zale in Chicago.

Leon Rains, chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission, goes out of his way to say that the Graziano decision is too harsh. He adds that Rocky does not hold a Pennsylvania license.

Why doesn't Rains mind his own business? And why does he have to criticize an honest verdict by a body in an adjoining state?

If the Graziano matter is not Pennsylvania's affair, why doesn't Rains keep his mouth shut?

Judge Kenna Clark, chairman of the West Virginia Commission, comes out with a silly statement that the New York decision does not hold in his jurisdiction. Then the Judge approves a match between retiring, faded Sammy Angott, and one George Dixon of Indianapolis after Angott has been denied a license in Illinois, an N.B.A. state, for physical disability.

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THE NBA faces a tremendous opportunity to line up on the side of law and order in this situation as against cheap politics.

It has a chance to initiate a cleanup. It has a chance to gain in prestige, to justify its very existence.

Talk of its own hearing on Graziano is nonsense! The facts are apparent to any kid of five. The rule was violated, and that's that. The verdict seems too stiff, but that's not for the N.B.A. to decide. The N.B.A. would do well to clean its own house before attempting to clean up in New York, the best governed boxing center in the country.

The New York law prevents the commission of that state from joining the N.B.A. or any other body of that type. And Abe Greene knows that.

In the light of what the N.B.A. has done, and has not done, the late Jimmy Walker deserves another posthumous accolade for having drawn up the New York law in such a way as to bar its joining the N.B.A.

There has been a tremendous lot of phoneyism in the fight game. The time has come for all those who want an honest count to stand together, Mr. Greene! Forget jealousies and petty politics. Let the N.B.A. prove its sincerity by backing up law and order.

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IN supporting the verdict of the New York Commission, THE RING Magazine hopes that Eagan and Powell will take the fullest advantage of the New York law to conduct a very much needed housecleaning both inside the Commission, and among those who fight, manage and promote.

The first move should be the finger printing of all boxers, managers and promoters.

The second move should be the obtaining of affidavits from all managers and fighters, that the managers are the real managers, and the fighters know of no other pilots. If the management is divided into pulls, as Graziano testified—the Commission should know that. It should be part of the record.

The third move should be the elimination of political connections, of phoneys.

The fourth should be a system of conduct whereby the Commission could set down a fighter merely because his efforts did not suit the Commission.

The game of boxing is a valuable adjunct in our American physical life. It could be a moral influence, too.

Come on, Eddie, get out the mop!

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

JUST how good is Rudy Cruz? That is the $64 question in California fistic circles these days. Enrique Bolanos is the toast of the fans here in the south. Jesse Flores of Stockton has been the rave in the north. The winner of their clash would have been regarded in most circles as the state's outstanding lightweight, but their bout ended in a draw. Now, Rudy Cruz comes along and wins decisively over Flores in a 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium.

Flores' handlers claim that Flores was not at his best in this match and the writer is inclined to agree. I have seen him look much better, but of course, it was not against an opponent as fast and skillful as Cruz was on this night. Rudy fought a smart fight, using the best technique to beat boxers of Flores' style. The Stockton boy is an artful dodger and makes the left-hookers and right-hand punchers miss more than a near-sighted outfielder.

Cruz stymied Flores' offensive with a fast left jab and smooth footwork. When Jesse did manage to get in close, Rudy took the play away from his bobbing foe with short right uppercuts. Flores, undefeated in 39 starts and a 2-to-1 betting favorite, was credited with but 3 of the 10 rounds. Cruz weighed 136, Flores 138.

In the semi, Julius Menendez, 148, San Jose, last year's national Golden Gloves champion, defeated Georgie Fields, 148, Los Angeles Negro. Menendez executed a left to the body in winning 5 of the 6 rounds.

In the prelims, Jimmy Neeley, 134, won by T.K.O. over Eloy Renteria, 132, in the opening round, due to an eye cut; Cecil Schoonmaker, 116, nodded Bee Jiminez, 118, in four; Whitey Morris, 148, decisioned Babe Huerta, 143; Billy Herrera, 121, K.O.'ed Bobby Molina, 118, in the third.

Freddie Beshore halted the come-back aspirations of Bobby Bonger by scoring a 6th round T.K.O. over the latter at the Ocean Park Arena. The big boys started fast and both were dead tired at end of 5th, but Beshore mustered up enough B-complex in the 6th to give Bonger a going-over. After examining a swollen eye and cut cheek, Referee Frankie Van ruled that Bobby was unfit to continue. Beshore weighed 193, Bonger 179.

Other results: Gene Loughridge, 159, stopped Zulu Liggins, 161, in the third round of the semi; Cecil Schoonmaker, 118, iced Bee Jiminez, 120, in the second heat; Len Marquez, 123, nodded Sid Hitchens, 126, in a four; Flash Gordon, 145, drew with Ray Castro, 144; Pat Hill, 144, defeated Ishmael Hannefan, 140, in the opener.

Christmas was probably the happiest time of the year for Hilton Fitzpatrick when a kid in West Virginia, but the guy now known as Fitzie gets his biggest bang out of the New Year out here in California. That is the time of year that Fitzpatrick belts out some ring foe, and that is the Irishman's happiest pastime these days. For the third straight year Fitzie featured the Los Angeles Olympic's opening show of the year by knocking out his opponent. The 1947 victim was Pat Valentino of San Francisco.

Valentino was doing all right until smacked down in the 5th. After dropping the first two heats by shades, Pat copped the 3rd and 4th rounds with damaging body blows, which put him slightly ahead by end of the 4th. Fitzie came out fast in the 5th, scored with three lefts to the head, then whipped over a crushing right to Valentino's chin that put the Italian flat on his back. Pat made it to his pins at the count of 9, but was dazed and wobbly. Fitzie rushed the 'Frisco fighter against the ropes and nailed his defenseless foe with left and right before Referee Reg Gilmore wisely halted it. Fitzpatrick weighed 181, Valentino 179.

In the semi, Henry Rich, 163, banged out a win over Acey Haynesworth, 169, in six rounds of heavy hitting. Rich forced the milling and had Acey hurt a few times.

In the four-rounders, Ray Simmons, 166, decisioned Frankie Calzo, 163; Eddie Warren, 123, nodded Len Marquez, 123; Hoot Benson, 214, K.O.'ed Willie Bean, 212, in the fourth; Spencer Coleman, 158, stopped Clyde Coyhis, 150, in the third.

Ralph Lara, 130, Gardena, tossed too much leather for Benny O'Neil, 131, and was awarded the unanimous decision in their six-rounder at the Whittier Arena, Pico.

In other bouts, Jimmy Shans, 145, whipped Hugh Stell, 150, 6; Darnell Carter, 136, iced Pete Montez, 140, 2; Buddy DeMille, 159, stopped Benny Cordova 164, 3; Bobby McMillan, 152, decisioned Paddy Hill, 144, 4.

The Los Angeles *Times* Golden Gloves Tournament gets under way this month. There is the same public interest in this, California's most important amateur event, but it is doubtful that either the number or caliber of entries will measure up to other years, there having been two other tournaments staged in this city in recent months. The losers in a tournament will rarely enter another one, and most of the winners of these two other meets have already entered professional ranks.

It is a shame that those winners could not be entered in this tournament, as the *Times* is the only California newspaper having a tie-up with the Tournament of Champions at Chicago. In other words, it is the only opportunity that Los Angeles amateur boxers have of winning nation-wide prestige. Such boys as Rudy Davila, Hoot Benson, Mike Angustain, etc., were the cream of local amateur rings and good bets to win national titles.

It is regrettable that Los Angeles does not have more men with the civic pride, sportsmanship and genuine interest in the welfare of local boxing that is displayed by boxing men in Cleveland, St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis, New Orleans and such cities. If we did have more of such men, the best of our amateur boxers would not be entering professional ranks on the eve of our annual Golden Gloves Tournament. And Los Angeles could have teams to compare with any of the other 38 cities competing in the National Golden Gloves finals.

Eddie Powell of Seattle came out of the Northwest with quite a reputation as a fighter. Pat Valentino put a dent in Powell's rep at Sacramento, but Rusty Payne really punctured Powell's publicity balloon at San Diego. The Seattle Negro shouldn't have gone so far south, for, in Rusty, the Border City has a Negro who sure belts 'em hard.

Powell scored with a couple of solid rights in the opening round, but Payne leisurely won the heat by a shade. Rusty must have been told something during the rest period for he came out fast, shot over a right and left, and the ref said "ten" over Eddie in just 53 seconds of the second round. Payne weighed 182, Powell 180.

In supporting bouts, Bob Murphy disposed of Harry Moran in the 5th heat of the semi; Spencer Coleman chilled Lulu Liggins in three; Cecil Schoonmaker and Genero Vallez boxed six rounds to a draw; Darnell Carter won over Flash Gordon in four; Johnny Montreal bested Ishmael Hannefan in four.

The Luis Castillo-Tony Olivera feud is still not settled. They met for the tenth time in a 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium, with Castillo receiving a close, controversial decision. This makes the series all even again, the results being four wins each and two draws. This clash was as close as the others, in which it always seemed that the loser should have been declared the winner. But neither of the boxers has the old fire (at least, not against each other) that they put into their early scraps.

Olivera boxed well to cop six of the heats with a fast-moving, jabbing attack, while Luis moved around about as much as the guy who was standing on a dime. Tony was leading nicely at end of 8th, but Castillo came out like a storm-trooper in the 9th and handed the 'Frisco boxer a thumping. Luis tried to repeat the mayhem in the final round, but Tony hot-footed it out of range and most of the squatty Mexican's blows missed the target. Castillo weighed 119, Olivera 123.

In the semi, Julius Menendez, 148, San Jose College student, continued on his winning way by decisioning Bobby Taylor, 149, Los Angeles Negro. The clever Spanish boxer copped four of the six rounds and spilled Bobby for an 8-count in the final heat.

In the four-rounders, Eloy Renteria, 128, and Benny O'Neil, 132, fought a draw; Vince Padilla, 134, whipped Jim Neely, 129; Billy Huerra, 120, drew with Rocky Haro, 119; Mickey Simon, 158, stopped Harry Moran 159, in two.

Gunner Billy Mitchell and Jimmy Coleman are too much alike to stand out over each other. Both are rugged, in-close fighters, both are of Los Angeles, both are Negroes and each weighs 165. So, they battled to a 10-round draw at the Ocean Park Arena.

The four-round semi-windup furnished a real upset. Charley Riggs, 188, McKeesport (Pa.) Negro, clowned his way to a questionable decision over Babe Edwards, 179, Los Angeles. Edwards fought in a lethargic manner, not tossing over a dozen punches at his comical opponent. (It was later revealed that Babe was about to become a papa and his mind wasn't on his work.)

Other results: Jay Wall, 157, K.O.'ed Harry Moran, 160, 2; Cecil Schoonmaker, 117, decisioned Len Marquez, 123, 4; Ray Castro, 143, and Flash Gordon, 145, drew, 4; Johnny Montreal, 135, stopped Ishmael Hannefan, 138, 3.

Promoter Al Dermer opened the 1947 fistic program at Fresno with three 8-rounders and all were bang-up scraps. Al Robinson, Fresno Negro, stopped Ray Camacho, Mexican battler of Honolulu, in the 6th round of the most important bout of the evening. Camacho landed some solid blows early in the go and spilled Al for a 3-count in the opening heat, but the Negro took the steam out of Ray with body blows in the 4th and 5th rounds. Robinson was pounding Camacho unmercifully in the 6th and Referee Johnny Reno stepped in and raised Robinson's hand. As Camacho had not been floored and the round was almost over, his manager strenuously protested the ref's action. Each weighed 144.

Bobcat Lee, Inglewood, outslugged Del Silva, Fresno, in an 8-round brawl. Silva plastered Bob for four heats, then tired. Lee smacked Del all over the place in the last three rounds to get the nod, but it was close.

Billy McClure, 194, Minneapolis Negro, whipped Eddie Reed, 218, a Negro of Fresno, in the third 8-rounder. McClure had little difficulty avoiding the fleshy Fresnan and stabbed him silly with a long left.

Jake Green, 179, Fresno, stopped Vernon Drake, 199, San Diego, in the second frame of the only four-rounder.

Enrique Bolanos does something that our other local lightweights do not do—he stops most of his imported opponents. He isn't a terrific puncher, but he does hit solidly and possesses the fighting spirit to finish a foe, once he has him hurt. Lulu Costantino was the fiery Mexican's latest K.O. victim. And it was the first time in his career that Lulu didn't go the distance. It happened in the 7th round at the Los Angeles Olympic before a sellout crowd of 10,400.

Costantino is still a clever defensive boxer and a cutie in all departments of the game, but these smoothies never have bothered Bolanos too much. The New Yorker was the artful dodger at times, and he he scored a few points in occasional spurts, but most of the time he was bicycling to escape punishment. A hard one-two early in the 7th put Costantino flat on his back. He arose at the count of 7 in a dazed condition and backed into the ropes, with hands dangling at his sides. Enrique sprang in for the kill, rocked the Italian with left and right before Referee Johnny Indrisano could move in to stop it. Each weighed 134.

In the semi, Frankie Russell, 155, won handily over Spencer Coleman, 155, in six lively rounds. Russell spilled Coleman for a 4-count in the second and had him wobbly at the finish.

In the prelims, Ray Simeons, 168, stopped George Montez, 174, in three; Jerry Brown, 170, nodded Shorty Padilla, 167, in a four; Al Neria, 129, decisioned Sid Hitchens, 125; Pete Louis, 126, outpointed Ramiro Lopez, 130.

The curtain was rung down on professional boxing at the Whittier Arena in Pico, with Jimmy Shans, 143, Oxnard, Calif., defeating Hugh Stell, 149, Salina, Kan., in a six-rounder.

In supporting bouts, all four-rounders Ray Louis, 144, beat Jesse Humber, 145; Leroy Burleson, 160, won over Buddy DeMille, 158; Harry Moran, 160, whipped Henry Woods, 157; Rocky Haro, 120, decisioned Benny Nakasoni, 121.

Just who is California's best lightweight? For a long time this writer has blown the horn for John Thomas. I poked out my protests in his behalf as far back as three years ago, when Juan Zurita, Ray Lunney and Willie Joyce were publicized as California champions. I rated him our Number One lightweight as recently as January 1. I could have been wrong.

Bolanos, Cisneros and Cruz were placed behind Thomas in my recent ratings, but there is no certainty that he could beat Bolanos, who is a better puncher than Thomas and has been more impressive than John in his recent fights. Thomas won over Cisneros only by the skin of his teeth. And Cruz, in beating Jesse Flores—who had held Bolanos to a draw—looked good enough to beat any of the others.

It is possible that my friendly feeling toward John Thomas' trainer and coach has caused me to be a bit partial. I will take care that it does not happen in the future.

Eddie Hudson, 137, San Francisco Negro, trounced Quentin (Baby) Breese, 136, Kansas City veteran, in a 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. The bout was a tame one compared to their thrilling draw a month previous. Hudson won opening rounds with jabs and almost floored Breese in the 4th. Quentin hurt Eddie with body blows in the 6th and staggered him with punches to the head in the 7th. Hudson was credited with five rounds, Breese three.

Two ex-Golden Gloves champions, Irvin Steen, last year's Los Angeles *Times* winner, and Bobby Jarvis of Kansas City, former National champion, fought six fast rounds in the semi. Steen won a close decision.

Chick Musgrove K.O.'ed Elmer Buckner in the first heat; Jess Mull stopped Ray Castro in three; Ishmael Hannefan nodded Ruffin Brunner in a four.

The Washington, D. C., Ambassador of Swat slapped the Earl of Richmond with his gloves in a public meeting in Hollywood last month.

However, it was not published in the social columns and the dramatic incident did not cause the slightest stir in diplomatic circles, as these two persons are merely of the fistic nobility and their titles were pinned on them by sport scribes. It was Aaron Perry of Washington, D. C., who slapped Earl Turner of Richmond, Calif., to sleep in the 8th round of this meeting.

It was a whale of a scrap. Perry won early rounds with some clever boxing. Turner went all out to cop the 5th and 6th heats by wide margins, buckling Aaron's knees with hard blows to the head. They fought like demons in the 7th and the bout was about even at the end of this round. However, Turner was exhausted from the terrific pace and didn't have the resistance to withstand the first hard blow landed by Perry in the 8th. Each weighed 149.

In the semi, Bobby Taylor, 144, Los Angeles Negro, won the six-round decision over Morris Corona, 144, Port Arthur, Tex., by dropping the Texan for 9 in the opening round and forcing the milling in the late heats.

Other results: Rudy Davila, 147, stopped Jesse Humber, 144, 3; Whitey Morris, 150, drew with Bobby McMillan, 151, 4; Billy Herrera, 120, decisioned Rocky Haro, 119, 4; Cecil Schoonmaker, 116, nodded Freddie Hernandez, 118, 4.

Richie Mendoza, 130, Santa Monica pride, gave his Bay District rooters something to cheer for by winning the decision over Jackie McCoy, 123, in a fast 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. The clever Irish boy boxed nicely in the early rounds to get off to a good lead, but Mendoza's fighting spirit and added weight enabled him to cop the late heats and a split decision.

In supporting bouts Gene Loughridge, 159, chilled Gilbert Whiteside, 156, in the second; Billy Herrera, 120, decisioned Sid Hitchins, 123, in four; Ray Louis, 146, and Paddy Hill, 145, drew in four; Pete Louis, 126, outpointed Ramiro Lopez, 130, in four; Jay Wall, 158, whipped Elmer Buckner, 159, in four.

Oakland Billy Smith repeated his win over Bobby Zander at the Los Angeles Olympic, but the decision was sliced even thinner than in their previous go. Two knockdowns won the fight for Smith, as far as the referee and one judge were concerned. The other judge voted it a draw. Zander came out at the opening bell and rushed Smith about the ring with a two-fisted assault, but Bobby was floored for a 9-count at end of round.

Zander was doing very well again in the second heat until decked for another 9-count. They mixed it furiously during 4th, 5th and 6th rounds on rather close terms, but Zander was slowing Smith down with smashing rights to Billy's left side. Smith didn't toss any right-hand punches at all after the 6th round and it was later disclosed that he had injured the maulie. Zander was credited with the last four rounds and the majority of the crowd thought that this more than made up for the two early knockdowns. Smith weighed 173, Zander 178.

In the semi, Billy Gibson, 132, hard hitting Negro of San Francisco, decked Ralph Lara, 128, Gardena, for a no-count in the second and for 3 in the 6th, to cop the six-round decision.

In the four-rounders, Johnny Meyers, 153, whipped Willie Parker, 158; Sammy Williams, 111, won over Vince Padilla, 134; Gene Loughridge, 159, decisioned Spencer Coleman, 158; Darnell Carter, 132, nodded Jim Neely, 129.

In the top feature of two 8-rounders, Bobcat Lee, 159, Inglewood, slugged out a decision over Ramon Dioses, 160, Los Angeles, at Fresno. Lee had Dioses in a bad way many times, but could not finish the Mexican gamester and almost fought himself into exhaustion trying to do so.

Al Robinson, 144, Fresno, and Bobby Taylor, 148, Los Angeles, fought to a fast draw in the companion 8-rounder. Taylor stabbed the Fresnan with stiff lefts to score his points, while Robinson nailed Bobby with rights to the head to keep the battle on even keel. There were fast exchanges, but neither would give ground.

In the prelims, Erskine Howell, 157, Fresno, proved too tough and rugged for Otto Buettler, 156, whom he K.O.'ed in the 5th round of semi; Jake Green, 180, Fresno, disposed of Curtis Burton, 215, Caruthers, in three; Gilbert Gonzales, 130, Fresno, stopped Carey Reese, 128, in the second round.

Midget Jones, 137, New Orleans, was credited with a 2nd round T.K.O. over Leroy Willis, 135, Detroit, at the Ocean Park Arena. Referee Johnny Indrisano refused to allow Willis to answer the bell for the third round because of an eye cut. Jones had scored a knockdown in the second.

Other results: Chick Musgrove, 156, defeated Del Campo Provost, 150, in four-round semi; Babe Huerta, 142, stopped Art Diaz, 142, in two; Eddie Seal nodded Harry Moran, 160, in four; Flash Gordon, 145, decisioned Billy Mitchell, 144; Leroy Burleson, 161, bested George Stamos, 165.

The greatest fight staged in a San Diego ring in years and probably the best heavyweight brawl seen in California in the past year, was the 10-rounder between Rusty Payne and Jerry McSwain. A turnaway crowd witnessed this socking spree between the murderous-punching San Diego Negro and the handsome Los Angeles Irishman. And said crowd was on its feet screaming like mad most of the time. Payne emerged the winner.

The fight shifted from one to the other. McSwain won the first two heats. They slugged it out on even terms all during the third. Payne gave Jerry a terrific beating in the next three frames, having the Irishman on the canvas for a 9-count from a pile-driving right to the stomach. Payne tired in trying to finish MsSwain and neither could do much damage in the 7th. Jerry came back strong to cop the 8th and 9th heats, and they fought the final round on even terms. Rusty got the duke, but only by a slim margin. Payne weighed 183, McSwain 188.

In supporting bouts, Bernard (Baby Dutch) Cuthbertson decisioned Charley Riggs, 6; Eddie Warren stopped Len Marquez, 1; Flash Gordon drew with Ray Thomas, 4; Ishmael Hannefan beat Pete Montez, 4.

If, as the sport scribes predict, 1947 is the year in which Fabela Chavez is to blossom out as a contender for the lightweight title, the baby-faced Mexican will have to knuckle down. His first bout of the year, which was supposed to be merely a canter, turned out to be one of the closest calls that Fabela has had in many months. Hario Trigo, handsome San Antonio lad, was the one who almost upset the apple-cart, and the Hollywood Stadium was the spot almost marked by an X.

Chavez, although not as fast or fiery as usual, won the early rounds by carrying the fight to Trigo, although the Texan kept the heats close by getting in some solid licks occasionally, and making Chavez do a lot of missing. Trigo put on an offensive in the 7th and 8th rounds that just about evened the score. They slugged it out for an advantage in the 9th, with Fabela being the stronger at the finish.

Mario was dead tired in the final heat and Fabela gave him a beating about the body which decided the winner. However, the decision was a split one, Referee Charley Randolph tabbing it a draw. Chavez weighed over 134, Trigo 133.

In the six-round semi, Harry Wills, 179, South Bend, Ind., Negro, decisioned Jimmy Martin, 175, Glendale. Wills decked Martin for a 9-count in the fifth and spilled Jimmy again just before the bell.

In the four-rounders; Gene Loughridge, 157, drew with Johnny Meyers, 154; Roland Spencer, 181, decisioned Shorty Padilla, 172; Whitey Morris, 150, stopped Elmer Buckner, 160, in the fourth; Ramiro Lopez, 131, won over Al Neria, 132.

Berry Wright, 147, Cleveland Negro, won the decision over Dan Lemos, Los Angeles, in a slow, uninteresting ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. The crowd booed for action.

The semi was a thriller. Bob Murphy, San Diego Irish southpaw, stopped Frankie Calzo, San Fernando, in six rounds. Murphy floored Calzo twice in the fifth, the bell coming to Frankie's aid, but the Mexican was too shot to come out for the 6th.

Ray Louis decisioned Art Diaz in six; Flash Gordon stopped Ruffin Brunner in the fourth; Ramon Castro nodded Ishmael Hannefan in four.

(Incidentally, this Ishmael (Shandu) Hannefan is a Turkish Negro, in case you were curious.)

There are two things that fighters like to do, punch bigger guys around and be able to fight without having to make weight. So, Fitzie Fitzpatrick is as contented as one of Carnation's cows these days, for, at 180 pounds, he is well fed, yet is in good enough condition to whip most of the big heavies he will be meeting.

Fitzpatrick spent a most pleasant evening at the Los Angeles Olympic with Lee Savold, St. Paul veteran, as guest catcher. The go went the distance, but almost didn't. Fitzie started fast and before the first round was over he pounded Savold to the canvas. The Irishman stunned Lee with a left hook, then caused the big blond to cave in from a crushing right to the jaw. As Savold slowly sank to the floor, Fitzie nailed him with additional lefts and rights.

It appeared to be all over, but the vet regained his feet at count of 9 and survived the round. Savold, carting too much blubber, covered, backpedaled and clinched most of the way. Midway in the bout it appeared that Lee might turn the tide, as he copped a couple of rounds with some jabbing and right uppercuts, but he slowed down again in the late rounds. This corner credited Fitzie with 7 of the 10 rounds. Savold weighed 205.

The semi between Billy McClure, 197, Minneapolis, and K.O. Hooker, 195, Portland, raised the roof. They are two Negro clouters who hit like hell, but do tricks when hit hard. First one, then the other was either sprawling on the canvas or staggering around on rubbery legs. McClure had the most of what it takes and was declared winner by TKO in the third round.

In the prelims; Willie Bean, 214, stopped Johnny Koster, 185, in two; Hoot Benson, 213, disposed of Hardy Williams, 211, in the second; Ray Seimans, 167, decisioned Shorty Padilla, 172, in four; Johnny Hunt, 159, nodded Jerry Brown, 167, in four.

Most of our California boxers seem to do their best fighting in their own back yards. In recent weeks, Enrique Bolanos, Jackie Wilson, and Joe Barnum, three Los Angeles top-notchers, all favored to win, were held to draws in bouts in the northern part of the state. While Jesse Flores, Earl Turner and Pat Valentino, best of the 'Frisco favorites, were beaten in scraps at Los Angeles. And all three were favorites to win.

These results mentioned above are not just rare cases. Fact is, this thing has been happening for months. The exceptions have been in the cases of Jackie McCoy of Los Angeles, and Julius Menendez of San Jose, two lesser lights. McCoy has been making his best fights in the north, while Menendez has been a consistent winner here in the sunny south.

Two local Mexican rivals, Frankie Angustain and Bobby Castro, had it out at the Hollywood Stadium with Angustain being declared the winner aften ten rounds of hard fighting. Angustain continually waded into Castro and gave Bobby quite a thumping in close quarters. Frankie also uses his head in his fighting, but not as the white-collar worker does. This nodding of the noggin may be accidental, I dunno, but it is quite a help in messing up a foe, and it doesn't seem to pain the referees any.

Angustain was far out in front at end of 6th, but Castro put on a two-fisted attack during the next three heats that about evened up the score. Fearing that the bout might be stopped because of a cut over his right eye, Castro put on a blitz in the 9th round that brought the crowd to its feet. Many in the crowd, won over by Castro's dramatic efforts in the 7th, 8th and 9th rounds, booed the decision. This writer figured that the final round, which was won by Frankie, decided the issue. Angustain weighed 161, Castro 158.

In the semi, Bobby Jarvis, 134, Kansas City Negro, won by T.K.O. over Eloy Renteria, 130, Pasadena, in just 40 seconds after the opening bell, due to an eye cut.

In the four-rounders: Bobby McMillan, 149, caused a mild upset in handing Rudy Davila, 148, his first pro defeat. McMillan bagged the decision by spilling Rudy for two 8 counts; Ray Louis, 143, decisioned Babe Huerta, 142; Johnny Meyers, 156, and Gene Loughridge, 158, fought a draw; Len Marquez, 125, outpointed Silver Rodriguez, 126, in the opener.

Any unattached boxers, amateur or professional, contemplating a trip to California, or any manager of fighters desiring representation on the Coast, can receive the desired information by writing Yours Truly.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS
By ROBERT VALLI

AFTER a lapse of over two weeks, boxing returned to this locality in a big way. The holidays spoiled any ideas the promoters had of staging shows during the end of the year, as regular fight nights fell on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Harold Dade, unknown Chicago bantam, scored the biggest upset in many moons when he, a 10-1 underdog, won a 15-round unanimous decision over Manuel Ortiz, greatest of all bantam champs, to come out of obscurity into the shoes of an undisputed world championship.

While the fans stood flabbergasted in complete amazement, Dade outclassed a weak, tired Ortiz in the late rounds to smash home the winner. Ortiz, who offered no excuse for losing, was forced to lose over eight pounds in two weeks in order to make the bantam limit of 118. He was weak and slow. Also, he tired under the fast fight which Dade brought forth.

Larry Cisneros, sensational Los Angeles lightweight, grabbed a close split-decision win over Frankie Moore, hard-hitting local Negro, in ten fast rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

Cisneros, just back from a successful New York debut, had plenty of trouble with the hard-socking localite. The Mexican won the verdict of the referee and one judge—while the other judge handed it to Moore. The nod was disputed by fans, who, of course, were pulling for the home-towner.

Buddy Jacklich, up-and-coming young local lad, banged out an easy ten-round win over Torito Ramos, San Diego veteran, in the feature at National Hall.

Ramos, a more experienced battler, couldn't cope with Buddy's boxing savvy as he was handily licked. Jacklich is now in line for bigger and better main-events as he has improved immensely in the last few months.

Benny Calla, crowd-pleasing Oakland Italian, staged a young war with Mario Trigo, hard-socking Mexican switch-hitter, for ten rounds and earned himself a close decision.

The bout, held in the Coliseum Bowl, was a natural as both are colorful fighters. Calla, making his first fight in quite some time, received the nod from Referee Jack Downey and one judge, while the other judge called it a draw.

Trigo hurt Calla with his awkward switch style, but the Oaklander soon solved the problem and socked his foe in the latter rounds. Benny forced the scrap and had a small, but definite edge at the finish. It was a savage, rough encounter. Calla weighed 136½, Trigo, 135.

The undercard: Joe Orosco, 162, won over Bob Wise, 159, in four; Wayne Sheppard, 128½, knocked out Chuck Edwards, 130, in the second round; Ambrose Lucero, 135, T.K.O.'ed Art Luna, 133, in the third; Gil Martinez, 129, and Al Perrault, 135, went four to a draw.

Up-and-coming Charlie Cato, Oakland Negro, used a vicious two-fisted attack to slam out a decision over Top Row Allen, local Negro gamester, in ten rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

It was a hammer-and-tong thriller with first one, then the other, scoring home with hard blows. Cato, fighting with his right eye closed and badly swollen, kept on his opponent to grab a close nod. Weights were Cato 157½, Allen 153½.

In the semi-windup, Leroy Willis, 130, vastly-improved South City youngster, kayoed Paul Guerrero, 141, San Jose Mexican, in the second round. Ray Stevens, 200, unbeaten heavyweight, won over Charley Riggs, 193, in six rounds. Rough House Oliver, 147, gave George Maddox such a rough going over Maddox failed to finish the first round. George Smith halted Willie Vega in the third.

A good crowd turned out at little National Hall to see Georgie Duke, popular Petaluma middleweight, win a decision over Charlie O'Kelly, action plus Vallejo Negro, in ten rounds.

Duke's left hand was the margin of victory as he outboxed O'Kelly to overcome a nine-count knockdown in the second. Both weighed 152.

Other results: Willie Mayberry, 146, stopped Vern Atkins, 148, in the third. Chuck Wiggins, 123½, grabbed a nod over Orville Young, 124, in four. Willie Vega, 160, edged Robert Smith, 157½, in four. Speedy Cannon, 156, won over Willie Parker, 160, in a slugfest.

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Overstuffed and out-of-shape Paulie Peters, local middleweight, who has been in hibernation for eight months, came forth with his unusual crowd-pleasing style to win a ten-round decision over Willie Brown, youthful heavyweight, at the Coliseum Bowl. Peters, overweight at 172, staged his usual slow start. However, after four rounds, he unloaded the heavy artillery to earn a nod. The decision was split, Referee Billy Burke voted for Brown, while Judges Toby Irwin and Joe Gorman cast their ballots for Peters. Brown scaled 183½.

Predo Jiminez, 158, decisioned Speedy Cannon, 157, in a slow six-rounder. Manuel Montes, 140, defeated Emil Baroa, 142, in four. Jack Dickerson, 155, outclassed Cruz Garcia, 158.

An action card featuring prelim boys headlining was held at National Hall. In the top eight-rounder, Speedy Cannon, colorful Negro, easily knocked out Willie Parker, an inexperienced poor prelimer, in one round. A long right to the button early in the opening stanza sent the fans home early. Cannon weighed in at 155, Parker 160.

In the companion feature, Joe Kelly, good little Oakland welter, scored a fifth round technical knockout over Mickey Gimmell in a fast bout. Kelly, leading at the time of halt, cut Gimmell's eye and ended the proceedings sooner than expected.

Mickey Puente won via T.K.O. over Preston Hall in four; Bobby Patterson and Jimmy Simmons were the only ones to go the limit. Result was a draw; Willie Mayberry, welter, flattened Vern Atkins, punch-absorber, in the second round.

Top Row Allen, busy Negro crowd-pleaser, added the name of Emory Jackson, Los Angeles Negro comer, to his list of recent wins by outfighting his foe to earn a ten-round decision at National Hall.

Allen piled up point after point with a vigorous body attack and felled his opponent twice in the seventh to gain an easy nod. Weights were Allen 155, Jackson 157.

In the prelims: Al Perrault, 137, knocked out Doc Peppers, 137, in the third. Gil Martinez, 128, won over Joey Mace, 125, in four. Joe Orosco, 164, decisioned Robert Smith, 161, in another four. Willie Vega, 160½, and Jimmy Simmons, 152, fought a draw.

Young, eager Buddy Jacklich, clever local lightweight, notched a good win in his record by copping a unanimous ten-round decision over veteran Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson, ex-world's featherweight champ, at the Coliseum Bowl.

Buddy came out of the battle pit looking the worse of the two. However, his looks did not express his fighting which was eager and willing. Jacklich scaled 133, Wilson 129½.

Results of undercard: Jack Snapp, 163, T.K.O.'ed Bob Patterson, 160, in the third. Billy Wilson, 137, halted Al Perrault, 136, in three. Nick De Posta, 124, stopped Harold Lee, 128, in the third. Joe Rosas, 131½, decisioned Orville Young, 126, in four.

Carlos Chavez, top-notch Los Angeles Mexican, successfully defended his state featherweight title by knocking out Speedy Cabanella, clever Filipino challenger, in five rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

The abbreviated bout ended when a solid left hook to the jaw caught Cabanella perfectly and stretched him for the full count. The weights were Chavez 125½, Cabanella 123½. House gross $14,712.

In the semi-final, Leroy Willis, 137, added another win to his column in decisioning Darnell Carter, 135, in six fast rounds. Jess Hall, 192, handed Ray Stevens, 199, his first pro defeat in six rounds. Speedy Cannon, 154, won over Rough House Oliver, 148, in four rounds. George Smith, 162, stopped Robert Smith, 160½, in the first.

Two local lads, Frankie Moore of Oakland and Ritchie Shinn of San Francisco met at Honolulu during the past month with Moore gathering the decision in ten rounds . . . Others in the Hawaiian Islands who have fought around this area are Jackie Ryan, colorful Irish welter; Carl Olsen, hard-hitting middleweight; and Joe Borjon, good little feather . . . Al Couture, hard-hitting welter, has returned to his home in Maine. . . . Pat Valentino, Earl Turner, Benny Calla, Lloyd Marshall and Jess Flores seem to be in demand all over the state. . . . All five are sensational. . . . Toby Irwin, local referee, has retired. From now on it will be only judging jobs for Toby. Irwin has refereed for many, many years in this area . . . . Tommie Simpson, one of Oakland's three promoters, died during the past month. . . . Vern Atkins, a youngster in the prelim ranks, has been taking it on the chin in all his recent fights, yet he comes back for more. Vern was stopped no less than four times in three at the big clubs. . . . Speedy Cannon, work horse middleweight, fought five times in the big margin of ten days. He won two and drew once. Slow down while you can, Speedy! . . . . Grant Butcher, sensational amateur light-heavyweight, has cleaned-up the 175-pound bracket and is now forced to meet heavies in order to get bouts. Grant should turn out to be a top pro when he turns same. . . . Rudy Cruz is a name to watch out for. He's as good as any California lightweight, among which there are plenty. . . . This writer's address is 1910 Mason St., San Francisco 11, Cal.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

AT BEAUMONT—James Muse (139) decisioned Bobby Zieman (135), four rounds. Olin Clatiaux (151) kayoed R. D. Young (146), one round. J. B. Betts (145) decisioned Howard Carr (145), six rounds. Riley H. McDowell (159) decisioned Allen McCarvey (150), ten rounds. Johnny Dabbs (145) decisioned Ben Evans (147), ten rounds.

At Houston—Melvin Walker (183½) decisioned Duke Smith (180), four rounds. George Perez (127), decisioned Baby Tampico (121), four rounds, Joe Garcia (133½) T.K.O.'ed Joe Balta (134), four rounds. Chester Arnold (138) and Benny Dodrill (139), drew, six rounds. Tommy Charles (169) and Billy Edwin McCoy (175), drew, six rounds. Buddy Garcia (135) kayoed Aurelio Cruz (134), seven rounds.

At Port Arthur—Roy Guerra (133) kayoed Harry Silverberg (135), three rounds. Ted Garcia (132) decisioned Cruz Flores (133), six rounds. James Muse (133) decisioned Joe Balta (131), six rounds. Frankie Wallace (140) decisioned J. B. Betts (141), six rounds. Dick Menchaca (135) decisioned James Cox (135), eight rounds.

At Houston—Billy McCoy (173) decisioned Buddy Shumway (166), six rounds. Allen McCorvey (147) T.K.O.'ed Bobby Kelly (143), two rounds. Henry Majcher (142) T.K.O.'ed Buddy Holderfield (145), three rounds. Steve Belloise (156½) kayoed Al Hostak (159½), four rounds. Joe Garcia (129) decisioned Joe Amaya (124), six rounds.

At El Paso—Carlos Pacheco (143) kayoed Enrique Soteno (143), three rounds. Eulalio Sarabia (116½) decisioned Jose Garcia (117), four rounds. Alberto Moreno (109) decisioned Salvador Amaya (109), four rounds. Sammy Galvan (123) decisioned Eusabio Hernandez (130), four rounds. Edwardo Quiroga (146) and Felix Gonzales (151), drew, six rounds. Manuel Ortega (124) kayoed Ramon Alva (126), eight rounds. Championship!

At Beaumont—Melvin Walker (185) decisioned Duke Smith (182), four rounds. James Muse (133) kayoed Roy Guerra (133), one round. Al Bernard (136) kayoed Eugene Green (136), two rounds. Harold Moore (143) kayoed Arthur Ross (143), four rounds. Bill McDowell (161) decisioned Tommy Charles (166), ten rounds. Allen McCarvey (147) decisioned Panchito Gonzales (148), eight rounds.

At Galveston—Baby Tampico (128) kayoed Joe Balta (135), four rounds. James Muse (137) decisioned Willie Llanes (138), four rounds. Buck Weaver (148) kayoed R. D. Young (150), two rounds. Gordon House (138) kayoed Ritchie Williams (131), one round. Eddie Bertolino (137) T.K.O.'ed Chango Patino (139), four rounds.

In the February issue of THE RING the names of Jesus Lopez Garcia and Remigio Canto were carried as knockout victors over Cotton King and Jimmy Curl. To keep the records straight, Garcia is the real name of lightweight Paulino Montes and Canto is the correct name of Baby Yucatan.

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BOXING IN PANAMA
By ARTURO H. LE CONTE

SIMON VERGARA, one of Panama's outstanding 126-pounders, lost in ten rounds to Cesar Leal, though the fans thought he had already won the bout.

Panama's lightweight champ, Aquilino Allen, was flattened in six heats by Jesus Varona, ranking Cuban welterweight. Varona who had recently defeated Young Finnegan in a thrilling ten-round tussle had no trouble in beating Allen. From the opening canto the Cuban proved the master.

Guillermo Andrade handed a ten-round licking to Baby Allen, Gold Coast fistic sensation. Andrade weighed 113 pounds but proved to have too much on the ball for his opponent, who came in at 121 pounds.

Gollo Castaneda added another link to his chain of victories by halting Transito Kid in five heats. Gollo, who is strictly a boxer, made a chump out of the Kid for the first two rounds, but got rough in the fifth frame and the brawl was forced to be halted.

Wilfredo Brewster trimmed Alejandro Brown in a six-rounder.

Kid Zefine, 121, former featherweight champion of Panama, dropped a ten-round decision to Simon Vergara, 125, at Panama's Olympic Stadium.

Baby Duncan jabbed his way to an easy six-round victory over Young Herrera, a veteran lightweight.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By C. W. STEELE

JOHNNY KID HOWARD stopped Kid Lantz in the seventh, in the Halifax Armouries. The two lightweights, bitter hometown rivals, unleashed a furious attack from the opening gong and for sustained action and punching savagery, exceeded anything ever witnessed in the Cosmopolitan City.

In the semi-final six, Gene Fowler, 172, Yarmouth, copped the decision over Harold Higgins, 183, Truro, in a dull contest.

Percy Paris, New Glasgow, beat Blaine Hayden, Springhill, in a six-round bout. Jim Steeves, Truro, outpointed Lloyd Carr, Dartmouth, in four rounds. Lightweights.

Charley Peck, 156, Louisburg, decisioned Red McPherson, 157, New Waterford, in the feature at the New Waterford Strand. In the supporting bouts Young Kiley, Sydney, drew with Harold Hannigan, New Waterford. Lightweights.

Simo Sims, New Waterford, outpointed Benny DeLorenzo, Sydney. Featherweights. Mickey Fitzpatrick, New Waterford, decisioned Young Earle, Glace Bay. Hugh Gillis got the nod over Eddie Cormier, New Waterford, and Ray McIsaac fought a draw with Young Clements, both of New Waterford.

Tony Odo, 149, New Waterford warrior, punched his way into the Maritime fistic spotlight with a unanimous ten-round decision over tough and aggressive Jim Upshaw, 156, Halifax, in the ten-round feature at Sydney. Upshaw was in there continually pitching leather.

In an action packed semi-final six, a pair of perpetual motion lightweights, Harold Hannigan and Hugh McEachren, both of New Waterford, poured on the leather continually for six solid rounds to end in a popular draw.

Benny DeLorenzo, Sydney's fighting featherweight, blasted out Lenny Boom Boom Ryan, New Waterford, in round one, and Joe Aitkens halted Young Tucker in the opening frame.

Tommy Spencer, New Waterford's walloping welterweight, is out to meet any welter in Canada. Tommy blasted out Ralph Walton, Montreal, in round one at the St. John Armouries in his latest bout. Spencer can be reached through the writer.

Al Clementi, well known to Cape Breton fighters, is co-manager of the New Garden Gym, 249 Friend Street, Boston.

Joe Pyle, New Waterford welter, is on the shelf with an injured shoulder.

Ace McCluskey, Dartmouth, drew in ten rounds with Billy Henderson, New Jersey, at Worcester, Mass. Brother Tom McCluskey turned professional and is trading punches around Boston.

We would like to see the Canadian Boxing Federation and promoters get together in an effort to clear up the vacancies that exist in Canadian boxing titles. We believe it would be profitable for any live wire promoter in any of the principal cities to stage an elimination tournament to decide Canadian champs. There are plenty of good fighters. Take for example the featherweight class: Spider Armstrong, Jackie Callura, Lou Alter, Herb Gagnier, Benny May, Freddie Steele, Steve Curley, Jean Barriere, Arthur King, are some but not all of good Canadian featherweights who would if available make an interesting tournament to decide a champ.

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CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

WITH the holidays over, boxing in Connecticut got off to a bang at the start of the new year. Toward the end of 1946 a number of the clubs in the state were suffering from poor gates but it apparently was just a slump as all are now packing them in again. Hartford, New Haven, New Britain, and a new club in Norwich, all came through with packed houses and good shows.

New Haven Arena—Julie Kogon, 135, New Haven, won the New England lightweight title by defeating Pat Demers, 135, Brockton, Mass., over the 12-round route. Demers was dropped for no-count in the 11th and was cut over the left eye and under the right in the closing canto. Dino Belita, 129, Canton, O., was declared the winner over Harry Diduck, 129, New York, in the eight-round semi-final. The majority of the fight flock thought that Diduck had a margin. Johnny Johnson, 169½, Philadelphia, won on a T.K.O. in the fourth over Jimmy Mulligan, 164, Lowell, Mass., when the latter suffered a forehead cut. Johnny Corbett, 150½, Branford, knocked out Buddy Bailey, 148, New York, in three. In the opener, Eddie Germaine, 133, Bridgeport, decisioned Al Mazza, 134, New York.

New Britain, Stanley Arena—Frankie Palermo, 140, New York, scored a knockout over Oscar Lewis, 136, Newark, N. J., with a left hook to the stomach in five. In the fo-feature of eight heats, Milt Lattimer, 152, Beacon, N. Y., Negro, scored a decision over Benny Davis, 154, Port Chester, N. Y. Walt Cartier, 158, Bridgeport, knocked out Jimmy Hardiway, 157, New York, in the first.

Hartford Auditorium—Tony Falco, 144, Middletown, fought a draw with Bobby Pryor, 149, Springfield Negro, in the 10-round feature. It was a difficult bout to judge as Falco remained in command most of the time with the exception of the four trips he made to the deck. After shaking off the effects of each knockdown Falco would then regain command of the battle. The knockdowns came in the fourth, twice in the sixth, and the last time in the opening seconds of the eighth. Earl Roys, 116, Bristol, New England bantamweight champion, won by a wide margin over Gabriel Rios, 114, Puerto Rico, in the eight-round semi-final. Carey Mace, 144, Hartford, won his eighth straight professional win in taking Bobby Holt, 152, Danbury, in a six. Johnny Holmes, 135½, Manchester, surprised with a six-round win over Paul O'Hara, 140, New York. In the opener, Joe Corso, 128, Hartford, turned pro with a four-round draw with Danny Butler, 130, New York.

New Haven Arena—Willie Joyce, 137, Gary, Ind., was held to a 10-round draw by Ernie Petrone, 139, Philadelphia, in a rousing battle. Joyce floored Petrone for the count of nine in the third and Petrone arose to floor the Gary boy just as the round closed. Dino Belita, 129, Canton, O., decisioned Rocky Progano, 128, Stamford, in eight. Harry Diduck, 131, New York, whipped Thompson Harman, 134, New York, in six. Irish Jimmy Collins, 122, Boston, knocked out Joey Miles, 126, New York, in the first of four. In another bout listed for four, Bobby Bailey, 150, New York, knocked out Mel Griffiths, 153, Greenwich, in the third.

Hartford Auditorium—Eddie Compo, 129, New Haven, was awarded Referee Johnny Cluney's decision in eight rounds over Eddie Smith, 126½, New York Negro. Compo appeared off form and failed to live up to his reputation. Carey Mace, 144½, Hartford's latest comer, stopped Charley Finley, 146½, New York Negro, in the third. Wally DeMaio, 149, Brooklyn, defeated Tommy Mack, 146, Springfield, Mass., in six. Johnny Bell, 140, New Britain, scored a couple of knockdowns to beat Sammy Walker, 146½, Springfield, in six. Joey Angelo, 125½, Waterbury, stopped Walter Haines, 124, Springfield, in two.

New Haven Arena—Julie Kogon, 135, New Haven, decisioned Humberto Zavala, 137, Mexico City, in a fast 10-round bout that pleased the 3700 fans in the arena. In the eight-round semi-final, Dino Belita, 132, Canton, O., decisioned Corky Davis, 136, Worcester, Mass. Belita is a bright looking prospect. Johnny Corbett, 147, Branford, continued his winning ways with a one-round kayo over Sammy Mammone, 146, Stamford. Timmy Collins, 120, Boston, knocked out Johnny Martin, 120, New Haven, in the first of a four. In the opener Solly Cantor, 127, New Haven, decisioned Eddie Germaine, 130, Bridgeport.

New Britain, Stanely Arena—Earl Roys, 115, Bristol, had an easy time stopping Jose DeMedina, 115, Puerto Rico, in seven. Roys had the Puerto Rican on the floor eight times before he was counted out. In the co-feature, Johnny Bell, 143, New Britain, stopped Billy Ross, 148, Middletown, in one round. Noel Reed, 210, Jamaica, B.W.I., pounded out a six-round decision over Ernie Griffin, 190, Hartford. Whitey Cozy, 154, New Britain, decisioned Henry Holt, 154, Danbury Negro, in six.

Hartford Auditorium—Henry Jordan, 148, Philadelphia, handed a severe beating to Jimmy Hill, 153, Reading, Pa., in the 10-round feature. Jordan showed that he knew how to fight a southpaw. Hill received a respite in the ninth when his glove broke open. It happened at a time when he was on the receiving end of a pasting. Carey Mace, 145, Hartford, chalked up another win when he stopped Herb Tessier, 150, Springfield, in the final round of a six. Johnny Holmes, 135, Manchester, stopped veteran Jackie Clark, 134, East Hartford, in the third. Dick Owens, 144, New York, drew with Johnny Parker, 140, Springfield Negro, in six. Bobby Brown, 132, Hartford, knocked out Connie Otis, 132½, Springfield, in one. Georgie Emmons, 122, Hartford Negro, stopped Joe Hunt, 125, Manchester, in two.

Waterbury Armory—Tony Falco, 144, Middletown, and Frankie Vigeant, 145, Thomaston, battled to a hectic 10-round draw before a packed house. Vigeant was penalized in the third for butting and in the seventh for thumbing, thereby losing his chance to repeat his win over Falco. Billy Brown, 158, Manchester, won the 10-round semi-final over Kenny James, 154, Waterbury Negro. Lou Jackson, 137, New Haven Negro, stopped Johnny Holmes, 135, Manchester, in five. In the curtain raiser, Bobby Holt, 150, Danbury, decisioned Al Donofrio, 148, Waterbury.

New Britain, Stanley Arena—Phil Terranova, 130, New York, won by a knockout over Jimmy Allen, 134, Philadelphia, in five. Allen was a substitute for Bobby Root of Cleveland. Terranova scored a couple of knockdowns in the fourth and was winning handily in the fifth when Referee Frankie O'Brien intervened. Jimmy Hardiway, 163, New York, won on a T.K.O. over Walter Cartier, 158, Bridgeport, when the latter suffered a cut eye in the second. Sammy Hawks, 165, Hartford, belted out Johnny DeMaio, 159, New York, in the final round of a six.

New Haven Arena—Julie Kogon, 135, New Haven, knocked out Pedro Firpo, 131, Camden, N. J., in nine, before 3,000 fans. Joe Bowman, 155, New York, decisioned Jackie Biddle, 157, Newcastle, Pa., in a six. Buddy Bailey, 149, New York, broke the winning streak of Johnny Corbett, 150, Branford, by stopping him in two. Timmy Collins, 120, Boston, knocked out Jose DeMedina, 119, Puerto Rico, in two. Walter Keane, 136, Los Angeles, kayoed Franny DeCisco, 134, Boston, in three.

Stamford Armory—Lee O. Murray, 203, South Norwalk, was awarded a T.K.O. in five over Ted Lowery, 181, New Haven, who wasn't able to answer the bell for the fifth. Murray floored Lowery seven times. In the six-round semi-final, Jimmy Cannon, 154½, Norwalk, knocked out Lou Spurdos, 152, New York, in the first with a right uppercut. Joe Jennings, 142, Norwalk, outpointed Lou Jackson, 141, New Haven, in four.

Hartford Auditorium—George Dunn, 131, Hartford Negro, was impressive handing veteran Paulie Jackson, 132, Reading, Pa., a setback in ten. Dunn jabbed and hooked at will and although Jackson was a serious threat at all times he trailed badly. Earl Roys, 119, Bristol, scored a fifth-round kayo over Jose Colon Garcia, 116, Puerto Rico. Carey Mace, 143, Hartford, stopped Lou Phillips, 142, Baltimore, in two heats. Phillips' money was held up as he didn't appear to be giving his best. Tommy Mack, 146, Springfield, won as he pleased over Juan Orsell, 148, Puerto Rico, in six. Vic Cardell, 148, Hartford, turned pro with a four-round decision over Red Cap Cooper, 145, Springfield.

New Britain, Stanley Arena—Earl Roys, 117, Bristol, punched out a convincing eight-round win over Jimmy Jeannette, 115½, Louisville, Ky. Jeannette was knocked clean through the ropes in the final round. Johnny Bell, 142, New Britain, won an eight-round decision over clowning Leroy Haynes, 146, New York. Haynes made a terrible showing with his antics. Bill Danker, 153, Yonkers, looked good stopping Jack Rainone, 156, Stamford, in two.

Hartford Auditorium—Georgie Dunn, 131½, Hartford, racked up another win when he stopped Bobby English, 127, Fall River, in nine. Dunn performed like a master, jabbing and hooking his opponent into position for the kayo punch. English was dropped four times. Carey Mace, 144, Hartford, made it twelve straight since turning pro by stopping tough Billy Ellison, 147, Newark, N. J., Negro, in five. Billy Kearns, 141, Wethersfield, kayoed Hank Faro, 138, Fall River, in 0:35 of the first. Vic Haller, 121, Springfield, also scored a 35-second kayo in his bout with Joey Angelo, 124, Waterbury. Kenny James, 159½, Waterbury, belted out Jay Paganelli, 155, Pittsburgh, in two.

Waterbury Armory—Jerry Fiorello, 160, Brooklyn, pulled one out of the fire when he sunk a right into Red Doty's midsection to knock out the redhead. Doty at 154, hails from Hartford. Up to the knockout punch Doty was enjoying a slight lead according to Referee Eddie Reed's scorecard. Billy Brown, 158, Manchester, won an eight-round decision over Charley Howard, 152, Pittsburgh, Pa. Dom Fisher, 163, Ansonia, flattened Walter Coombs, 163, Springfield, in three.

Norwich Armory—Ernie Griffin, 172, Hartford Negro, stopped Joey Edwards, 173, Worcester, Mass., in 1:12 of one. A right to the body felled Edwards for the count. The remainder of the card was made up of semipro bouts. This was the first presentation of shows promoted by Joe Fournier and Vic Darr.

Gus Browne, Hartford Boxing Club matchmaker, conducted 51 consecutive shows during 1946 and developed such ring stars as Dennis (Pat) Brady, Georgie Dunn, Johnny Cesario, Nick Stato, and Tony Falco.

Connecticut boxers are really up there with the best. Looking over the ratings it is interesting to note that the boys from the Nutmeg state are rated highly. The top man is our own Willie Pep, who holds the world's featherweight championship. Four of the New England champs are from the Nutmeg state. Nate Mann of Hamden, is the heavyweight king; Johnny Cesario of Hartford and Cambridge, Mass., is the welterweight champ; Julie Kogon of New Haven, is a co-claimant of the lightweight title; and Earl Roys of Bristol is the kingpin in the bantamweight division.

Joe Monteiro, this writer's featherweight puncher, added the name of Tommy (Red) Wells to the list of his victims when he stopped the Manchester, N. H., Frenchman, in his own backyard. Wells was down in the first and counted out in the fourth of a ·'nale of a fight. Promoters wishing Monteiro's services are asked to contact the writer at 367 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, Conn.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

JIMMY BIVINS, hefty-hitting Cleveland, Ohio, 187-pound belter, stopped Booker Beckwith, Gary, Ind., 173-pounder, with the aid of an extra punch, following the sound of the gong ending the third round. Perhaps Booker might still have met defeat in this manner, in a later round, but this added punch at the bell, turned out a finished Beckwith instead of a hurt fighter—Beckwith was out for more than 15 minutes.

As early as the first round of the 10-round encounter presented by Promoter Ben Zenoff at the Coliseum Club, Bivins had Beckwith on the canvas with his smashing left hooks, but the Hoosierite, as game as they make them, got up and fought courageously—the second round found Beckwith in trouble time and again and he was down again twice.

In round three Bivins went to work with a vengeance. Beckwith suddenly came to life and stung Bivins back to his heels with a murderous right but as the bell sounded, Bivins unleashed two left hooks that stunned Booker, and instead of Jimmy going to his corner at the sound of the bell, he let go one more blow that felled Booker for keeps. It was a duplicate of what he previously did to Archie Moore in Cleveland.

In the supporting bouts, Reuben Rivers of Mexico City, and Pete Bolos, Detroit, Syrian 127-pounder, fought a savage six-round draw. Georgie Adams, 122-pound mite, won unanimously over Harold "Chief" Jackson, of Kansas City, Mo. Russell Baxter, Youngstown, Ohio, 165-pounder, decisioned Jim Edwards Lee, in six rounds. Bob Amos, newcomer from Detroit, Michigan, edged out the surprised Nate Bolden, in six rounds. Bolden was dropped for a nine count in the fourth heat. In the opening contest, Tommy Lewis, aggressive Chicago 138-pounder, stopped Paddy Mak, Youngstown, Ohio, 139-pounder, in the opening stanza of their scheduled five-rounder. Approximately 5000 fight enthusiasts paid into the till $16,574.70.

One of the largest gatherings to be assembled at the Chicago Stadium in many moons, 12,585 fans paid $55,497 to see Johnny Bratton, leading lightweight challenger, win from Morris Reif. Bratton floored Reif for a count of six, in round two, and won nine out of ten rounds.

In the early rounds, the Chicagoan built up a convincing lead, including his knockdown accomplishment; but in the later rounds he was content to protect this lead.

In the sub-attractions, Anton Raadik, Estonian middleweight, knocked out Buddy O'Dell, in round six.

Nick Castiglione, pleasing Northside Italian 140-pounder, made it two consecutive knockouts over Gene Joyce, brother of the famed Will. The first bout took one blistering round and this time, after Nickie was floored for a no count, Castiglione ended hostilities in round two of their slated eight-round scuffle.

On that same night at the Rainbow Arena, Promoter Ben Zenoff, presented his regularly scheduled fight attraction. In the featured bout, Nate Bolden, light-heavyweight, won with plenty to spare over Willie Moore in eight rounds. Bolden was too cunning for Moore.

In a companion billed eight-rounder, Tommy Lewis, of Chicago, was belted out in 1:22 of round one by Tommy Campbell, Rock Island belter, in the opening stanza.

In the preliminaries, Vince Calzaretta, Chicago heavyweight, won handily over Billy Sullivan, Negro Southsider, in four rounds; Joe Lascala, Detroit, 143-pound puncher, kayoed Frenchy Ferland, Montreal, 142½-pounder, in 2:24 of the first heat; Jack Thompson, heavy-hitting Detroit 188-pounder, stopped Bill Magly, Toledo, Ohio, 187½-pounder, in 2:49 of the second frame, and gangling Pat Bradley, Detroit lightweight, won over Hank O'Kura, in a fast four-rounder.

Marigold Gardens—Billy Tierney, Cleveland protege of Bobby O'Dowd, is undefeated in the Windy City. His latest victim was Wild Bill Parsons, whom he shellacked in the featured eight-round contest.

Other results revealed Al Mahoney, 167, winner over Frankie Klobucar, 170, via the kayo route, in round three; James Anderson, muscular Southside 199-pounder, stopped LeRoy Scales, 184, in the second canto. Clifford Fossman made his pro debut at the expense of Douglas Van Hoff, Oshkosh, Wis. 140-pounder, with a four-round T.K.O.; Tony Saunders, 145, Chicago, won over Tommy James, 150, Chicago, five rounds; Bunny Berrigan, Milwaukee 119-pounder, stopped Nick Kachardus, in two rounds, and Ed Wagner, weighing 259 pounds, and 6 feet, 7 inches tall, won a six-round contest from Johnny Flanagan, 187.

Coliseum—Ike Williams, N.B.A. lightweight titleholder, made his first Chicago appearance in a non-title match opposite Gene Burton, highly-touted New York 139-pounder. Burton, who had previously been stopped by the champion, and then lost a split-decision in a second match, went all out this time and set such a terrific pace that the sturdy Ike couldn't cope with Gene, and Burton won. It was obvious after a couple of rounds that Williams was not at his best.

All through the fight Burton kept on top of Ike. Williams lacked the stamina to cope with his opponent. Ike scaled 139, but he took his lacing without a whimper.

In the supporting encounters, Ray Barnes, new sensation from Detroit, Michigan, stymied Charley Eschman of Cincinnati, Ohio, in four rounds.

Vince Calzaretta, Chicago, 191-pounder, administered a lacing to Ted Nickols, also of the "Crescent City", in a six-rounder. Carleton Ayers, Gary, 130 pounder, won triumphantly over Dickie Cook, Peoria, 127-pounder, in six and in the opening contest, Joe Manijaris was defeated by Louis Hall, Detroit, 143-pounder, four rounds.

This was another Ben Zenoff fight production.

Bob Penn, matchmaker for Ben Zenoff of the Victory Boxing Club, 43 North Canal St., Chicago, Ill., would like to hear from fight managers of large stables, as well as inquiries from fight mentors of contending boxers interested in fighting in Chicago.

Rainbow Arena—Gene Burton, the most improved fighter engaging in bouts here in the Middlewest took the measure of Danny Robinson, hard-hitting Chicagoan, in nine rounds.

In the five-round semi-windup, Leroy Lawson was the winner over Vince Calzaretta, Chicago, 185-pounder. Lawson, Detroiter, weighed 198½ pounds for this encounter and proved much the stronger.

And in the four rounders, Paul Darby, Detroit, 163-pounder, was too rough for Charley Banks, from out Iowa way. Jim Roberts, Detroit, 172-pounder, won the nod over Jim Arnold. Frank Klobucar, Chicago, 170-pounder, stopped Larry Chatman, St. Louis, Mo., 167-pounder, in 1:18 of the second frame and Jim Edwards Lee, Chicago, 165-pounder, surprised with his win over Dave Colquitt, pleasing Gary middleweight.

Joe LiVata, co-proprietor of the Mid-Town Gym, 56 West Washington Street, has his hands full managing the gym and taking care of several fighters in out-of-town matches.

One Round Luke, a well-known knockout puncher a decade ago, manages the Ringside Gym, across from the Morrison Hotel. Luke did his battlin' in and around Des Moines, Ia.

At Toledo, Ohio, Georgie Adams, fast-punching Chicago 122-pounder, won a hotly contested eight-round tiff from Frankie Girard.

Rockford, Illinois—Sammy Mandell, one of our great world lightweight champs, has returned to fight promotions.

Mandell had Gene Spencer of Chicago, and Marion Rhoten, Milwaukee lightweight, in the eight-round windup. Spencer won with plenty to spare.

Carl McPherson won via a T.K.O. over Frank Klobucar, Chicago light-heavyweight, in round three. Jimmy Barkes, kayoed Tuffy Mueller in one heat. Bill Wilson stopped Luke Alfano in four frames and Dick Weinholtz scored over Frank Merryweather in the curtain-raiser of four rounds.

Marigold Gardens—Charles Lester, undefeated Cleveland heavyweight, is making rapid strides in the heavy division. His latest fistic accomplishment was a thorough victory over McKinley English, in the 10-round windup. Lester floored English (twice) in his unanimous win.

In the four-round bouts Dickie Weinhold, Denver southpaw, beat Douglas Van Hoff, Oshkosh. Tom Klymyk, Detroit, whipped John Heinowski, middleweight. Ed Rawlins, Chicago, won over Steve Bellus of Detroit and rangy Billy Sullivan, Chicago heavy, won over Jack Thompson, out of the Wolverine State.

Rainbow Arena—Cocoa Kid, after surviving a nine count knockdown, in the second round, boxed beautifully and utilized all of his cunning to gain an even break with the hard-hitting O'Neil Bell, out of Detroit, in the 10-round main attraction.

In other bouts Bob Weatherly of Chicago outpointed Bill Grier in five rounds. Steve Bellus of Detroit won over Jimmy Johnston, Milwaukee, Wis. Tom Klymyk, another Detroiter, scored a technical knockout win over Charles Brigham, a Chicagoan, in round three—all were slated four-round biffs.

Rainbow Arena—Again Cocoa Kid proved his staying powers, this time against the belting Clevelander, Bobby Richardson. Richardson floored The Kid in the second heat, but Cocoa Kid won in ten. This was the 10-round main event.

The five-round semi-windup was won by Horace Wilkens, Southside 155-pounder, when he stowed away Lou Ogeltree, of Cleveland, in two heats.

Baby Amador, Mexico City lightweight, achieved a three-round knockout over Pat Bradley, Detroit, 132½-pounder. Jack Thompson, Detroit, heavy, and Jim Arnold, hammered away for four heats to a tie. John Varcy, Detroit, won over Ed Rawlins, Chicago, four rounds, and Dick Hammond, 165-pound Chicagoan, kayoed John Buttram, of Detroit, in round four.

Freddie Dawson, ranked next to Johnny Bratton here in Chicago, made it two in a row over Ace Miller. First Dawson defeated Ace, in his hometown, Toledo, and came back to the Windy City, his own stamping grounds, and repeated the dose in the eight-round windup, at the Marigold Gardens Arena. Freddie won mainly on his ability to counterpunch frequently.

Rainbow Arena—In the final show of the month, Charley (Young) Zivic, Pittsburgh protege of ex-welter champ, Fritzie Zivic, beat Horace Wilkens, who subbed for Ray Barnes.

Billy McCray, 19-year-old Cleveland 142-pounder, was very impressive in the manner he chopped down Tom Sanders, of Huntington, West Va. McCray was awarded a 4th round T.K.O. over Sanders, who had a badly cut face.

Micky Travis, young Chicago lightweight, punched out a neat win over Ed Rawlins, four rounds. Calvin Courtny, St. Louis, Mo., won handily over Joe Lascala of Detroit, welterweights. Baby Amador, after being shaded slightly during the first three frames, floored Berny Paige, Chicago lightweight, in the fourth and won the bout.

Jim Arnold surprised with his convincing win over experienced Danny Peal, out of Pittsburgh, Pa., in a four-round tiff.

Fighters, attention—Any good fighters looking for work here in the Chicago area, contact Gene Engel, 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Enclose with your reply your won and lost ring record, clippings, and a fight photo.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By MAX YEARGAIN

RAY AUGUSTUS, the Midwest's light-heavyweight sensation who sometime ago was selected by Nat Fleischer as the "Prospect of the Month," recently proved the wisdom of the dean of America's boxing writers by trouncing Jack Chase, fourth-ranking light-heavyweight contender from Hollywood before 4,200 excited fans, on January 16, in Topeka's million and a half dollar Municipal Auditorium. Sports editors of the Topeka newspapers, radio announcers, representatives of the Associated Press and United Press at the ringside were unanimous in awarding Augustus the decision.

Augustus never turned in a more cagy performance. Using his tremendous reach to advantage, Augustus kept his left banging on Chase's head and moved in at times to drive home terrific right shots. By the third, Augustus had Chase's left eye badly damaged. From then on the lanky Topekan had the better of the going.

Lillian Randolph (Mrs. Jack Chase), who is known variously as "Berdie" when she appears on the radio show, "The Great Gildersleeve", and is remembered as the original "Madame Queen" of the Amos and Andy show, added much color to the fight by cheering her prizefighter husband on from the ringside.

Handsome Pat McCafferty, hero of the Aircraft Carrier *Enterprise*, scored his twelfth straight win as a professional by decisioning John Gully, hard socking Negro light-heavyweight from St. Louis, in the torrid semi-final. McCafferty, a main event fighter in his own right and a stablemate of Augustus, was on the deck in the third round, but he came back to floor Gully three times, one in which the dusky Missourian was saved by the bell. Incidentally McCafferty was selected as "The Prospect of the Month" in THE RING Magazine's "Silver Jubilee Number" last month.

In the preliminaries, Oscar Lee Wilkins, 173, Topeka, outpointed Jerry Marshall, St. Louis, six rounds. Bert Ellis, 157, Kansas City, knocked out Henry Chucholleck, 160, St. Louis, 2:25, second round. Nickie Sanders, 127, St. Louis, outpointed Duke Andrews, 132, Wichita, four rounds.

At Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kansas, Eddie O'Neil, 149, Detroit, outpointed Roy Miller, 159, Kansas City, January 7, in ten fast rounds before an estimated 2,500 fans. In another ten rounder, Jackie Darthard, 149, Kansas City, scored a technical knockout over Sparky Reynolds, 150, Indianapolis. Reynolds failed to answer the bell for the eighth.

Jackie Dickers, 128, St. Louis, won his thirteenth straight fight, decisioning Reuben Salazar, 128, Wichita, in six. Claude Sullard, 143, Wichita, outpointed Robert Childers, 142, Kansas City, and Bert Ellis, 157, Kansas City, won over Elmer Carson, 157, Emporia, Kas., both in four rounds.

At Wichita, Kas., January 29, at the Forum, Deacon Logan, 164, St. Louis, easily decisioned Dolph Quijano (Al Velez), 184, El Paso, in eight rounds. Sport writers and newspapermen gave Logan the nod throughout the fight.

At the Kansas City, Kansas, Memorial Hall, January 28, Jackie Darthard, 148, Kansas City, decisioned Mickey Savage, 142, St. Louis, in the ten-round main event. The card grossed $4,820, and was promoted by genial Tom McHugh. In the semi, Freddy Latson, 126, St. Louis, stopped Earl (Jeep) O'Neal, 125, Oklahoma City, in one. Bert Ellis, 160, Kansas City, stopped Raymond Young, 160, Kansas City, in three. Charley Martin, 192, Kansas City, decisioned Bill Jackson, 227, Topeka, in four. Roland Taylor, 160, Des Moines, stopped Merle Campbell, 158, Kansas City, in two.

Will see you next month. The writer's address, 704 Kansas Avenue, Suite, 306-307, Topeka, Kansas.

IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

LLOYD CARTER, who annually promotes a combination boxing and wrestling show for the local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, this year came up with one of his best shows. This was the local promoter's seventh polio program in which all profits are turned into the Fund for sufferers of the crippling blow. Carter has handed in more than ten grand during the years he has promoted shows for the local chapter.

Highlight of the program was an eight-round bout between Al Diaz, Mexico City welterweight, and Sparky Reynolds, rough local favorite. Diaz, using lightning-fast punches and a deceptive left jab, was awarded the decision. Diaz scaled 147; Reynolds, 145.

Billy Jones, 160, Indianapolis, won by a technical knockout over Bishop Murphy, 159, Chicago, in the fourth round. Jones had Murphy down in the first and second rounds and had the latter helpless when the fight was stopped in the fourth by Referee Lou Thomas.

Bud Cottey, former junior welterweight, is successfully attempting a comeback in the ring. Cottey, awarded the Silver Star overseas in the army while serving in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France, has won five of his last six bouts since his return to the squared circle. He has beaten Joe Alderson, Tony Watson, Tommy Huffman, Ted Weems and Rocky Protane. He was held to a draw by Willard Coffey in Memphis. Cottey is managed by Tom Leeper, dean of Indiana fight mentors.

Bill Peterson, Indiana Harbor heavyweight, belted out a ten-round decision over veteran Johnny Denson, Indianapolis, in the local Armory during the month. Denson, who lost to the up-state mauler in a previous encounter, was away to a good start, but Peterson got to him in the third round and the local heavyweight took a fierce body beating for the remainder of the bout.

Sid Peak, Louisville heavyweight, won a close decision over Hezzie Williams, Chicago, in a torrid six-round semi-windup. In other bouts Jimmy Conn, Kokomo, Ind., welterweight, beat Dave Bruce, Indianapolis, in six; Bob Beamon, Indianapolis, and Herman Mills, Chicago, fought to a five-round draw, and Buster Miles, Indianapolis welterweight, decisioned Ernie Derho, Mishawaka, in four.

This writer journeyed to Chicago to witness the Tami Mauriello versus Shamus O'Brien bout in the Windy City. Slamming Tami made short a fight that should have never been scheduled, since O'Brien was obviously no match for the rugged Bronx Italian.

Robert Cotton, Indianapolis, is ruler of U. S. heavyweights in Japan's occupation forces. He recently defeated Albert Derrickson, Korea titleholder for the U. S. army's Pacific inter-command heavyweight title. Cotton is a former Golden Gloves middleweight titlist in Indianapolis.

Indiana has a new lightweight champion. He is Gene Joyce of Gary, brother of the fighting Joyces, Willie and Jimmy. The youngest of the three decisioned Bob Beamon in ten rounds in the Gary Armory to win the state title. Since the state commission started a policy of naming a titleholder in each division the lightweight rank has had the quickest turnover. First to win the toga was Jimmy Joyce, who outpointed Roy Lewis. He in turn lost to Bob Beamon, who this month relinquished his crown to the present champion.

Buck Mathias, long associated with the fistic game in Ft. Wayne, Ind., will be the new matchmaker in that city. Mathias will feature fighters with a future in boxing on his cards.

Archie Hindman, state athletic boxing chairman, is a versatile gent. Besides his duties as commission czar, he has been called on to stage Golden Gloves bouts in his home town, Haggerstown, Ind. He has also been refereeing amateur shows in Muncie. As if this weren't enough, he has seen that boxing was revived in three more Indiana cities, namely Gary, Evansville and Ft. Wayne.

A recent release by the State Boxing Commission listed Indiana's outstanding boxers. They are: Tony Zale, Willie Joyce and Booker Beckwith of Gary; Al Johnson and Willard Reed of Indianapolis. This corner adds the names of Bob Simmons, Gene Joyce, Tommy Byron and Colion Chaney.

An expanded program of amateur boxing as a means of curbing juvenile delinquency was proposed to a score of Indianapolis sports enthusiasts by Mayor Robert Tyndall and Paul Brown, director of the City Parks and Recreation Department.

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FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
By JOE FRENCH

MIKE RAFFA, hard-punching West Virginia featherweight, crossed gloves with Gene Spencer of Chicago, in the feature bout of the Derbytown A.C. monthly slugfest held at the Louisville Armory. After ten rounds of thrills and action the verdict was a draw. Mack Thompson, local kayo artist, continued unbeaten by salting away Salty Wade, Indianapolis light-heavy, in the second heat. Another six went to Bud Cottey of Indianapolis, over Don Rocco, Louisville featherweight. Billy Barrett, local bantam and ex-amateur king, racked up his third straight kayo as a pro by stopping Lawrence Middleton in the first round. Augie Yerrat outpointed Tuffy Fairfield of Indianapolis in a four spot while another four ended in the opening heat when Bob Caine chilled Charley Cox.

Boxing Commissioner Frank Humbert ordered that in the future main event boxers must appear at least two days before the date of their scheduled contest and in addition must post a forfeit fee of $200. Humbert added these rules as a result of a couple of last minute substitutions in the feature events of recent local shows.

Recent addition to the Louisville cauliflower colony is Augie Yerrat, Detroit feather, now a local resident. Yerrat is handled by Mannie Brill of Louisville, who also directs Don Rocco, 126 pounds, and Frankie Malone, Negro lightweight.

The Derbytown A.C., with capable Walter Buckrop making the matches, presented Louisville ring fans with their second show of the month when Bill Peterson of Chicago, and Mickey Hayes of Milwaukee, were paired off in a ten-round heavyweight headliner. Peterson found the mark in round four to score a kayo over Hayes. Steve Izzy, New Yorker boxing out of Cincinnati, walloped out a six-round win over Arnold Deer, Indianapolis middleweight. Chief Don Eagle, colorful Indian heavyweight, managed by the well-known Jack Kearns, put Herb Jones of Indiana, on ice in the second round. Ray Capps of Louisville, decisioned Tuffy Fairfield, another Hoosier City battler, in a four-round featherweight mill. Crit Shackleford, local amateur, turned pro and won a third-round T.K.O. when Billy Wallace dislocated his shoulder. Two other scraps down for four rounds saw Billy James kayo Charley Cox in two and Bob Caine stop Billy Smith in three.

Bob Garner, Louisville Negro heavy, took a second crack at Bob Foxworth in St. Louis, but again came out on the loser's end by a T.K.O. in eight rounds. In a previous meeting with Foxworth in Chicago, Garner dropped the verdict in five heats by a T.K.O. due to a severely cut lip. Also appearing out of town during the month was Jimmy Robinson, Louisville Negro lightweight crowd pleaser under the popular Charley Jones. At Canton, Ohio, Robinson scored a six-round win over Howard Umbles.

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DENVER AND VICINITY
By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

THE return match between Ted Garcia and Freddie Taylor was held at the North Denver Rollordrome Arena on January 9, before a capacity crowd. This bout, like their first go last August, was hammer and tong all the way. Garcia took the ten-round decision but later the Commission called the bout "no contest." In the six-round semi, Pete Vigil, 133, knocked out Ace of Spades, 138, in the fifth round. Vigil outboxed and outpunched the rugged little Negro. In the preliminaries, Foster Campbell, 156, stopped Johnny Jarvis, 155, in the fifth round. Jarvis had a slight lead when he received a severe cut on his nose. Bob Polowitzer, 140, decisioned Dick Weinhold, 139, in four rounds. Johnny Martinez, 125, knocked out Mike Martinez, 132, in the second round and Hollywood Martin, 120, decisioned Louis Martinez, 125, in four rounds. The show was promoted by the newly organized Empire Sports, Inc., with Champ Thomas matchmaker.

The Veterans' Athletic Club staged a good amateur card at the Rollordrome, January 16. In the feature bout, Corky Gonzales, 118, one of the best boxers developed here in years, knocked out Frank Crespin, 121, in the second round.

Empire Sports, Inc., came back with another good show on January 22. In the ten-round main event, Sterling Ingram, hard-punching Denver heavyweight, proved to the skeptical fight fans that he can really fight and keep it up for ten rounds. Ingram had as his opponent one tough customer in Al Spaulding, 200-pounder from Beaumont, Texas. Al dragged himself off the deck three times and Ingram was also decked twice but he managed to finish stronger and cop the duke. Reecy Davis, Negro middleweight from Dallas, Texas, gave Foster Campbell, local middleweight, a boxing lesson in the six-round semi. In a pair of sixes, Pete Vigil, 134, decisioned Louis Ruybalid, 135, and Bob Polowitzer, 138, decisioned Ace of Spades, 138. Freddie Maes, 128, decisioned Johnny Martinez, 125, in a four-rounder and John Shell, 148, knocked out Wayne Strowbridge, 150, in the second round.

The Regional Golden Gloves sponsored by the Denver Elks and the Rocky Mountain *News*, was a financial success. The seven-day meet saw some of the best amateur boxing ever seen here.

Pueblo fight fans were treated to the first professional fight card held there in years on January 29. In the ten-round feature James J. Cox, Dallas lightweight, won over Ace of Spades. Spades was dropped in the sixth round. The decision was unanimous. The show was sponsored jointly by the V.F.W. Post No. 61 and the Steel Y.M.C.A.

The third Empire Sports, Inc., promotion held on February 6, had an unsatisfactory ending. The main event between Ted (Mustang) Garcia of Denver and Bobby Woods of Texas ended in the third round after a mild first two in which each of the boys felt each other out. Referee Dan Darnell stepped between them after Woods had been dropped and waved Woods to his corner, then raised Garcia's hand. The crowd booed long and loud, not at the fighters, but at the referee.

The preliminaries were tops. In the six-round semi, Lanky Pete Vigil took a hard-earned decision from Bob Polowitzer. Paddy O'Leary, stopped Johnny Martinez in the fourth round. This was a real pier six brawl. In a pair of fours, Ace of Spades decisioned Dick Weinhold and Foster Campbell knocked out Johnny Bullard in the first.

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AT THE GARDEN A. C. OF BALTIMORE
By NATE PHILLIPS

VIC YOUNG and Jimmy Johnson met again in the feature half of a double eight-rounder at the Garden Athletic Club on January 17, and Johnson got the duke amid plenty of boos. Richie Orange, a stablemate of Johnson, showed plenty of class when he won over Billy Richardson. In a thrilling sixer, Ray Klingmeyer won over Sonny Bentley and in fours Joe Poodles won over Joe Williams. John Clemonds stopped Teddy Simmons in two and Baby Ray Jones won over Jimmy Brown.

Speedy Duvall and John Garner met in one half of a double eight and John won over Speedy in a slow fight. This was Garner's first fight in three years and maybe that accounted for the poor showing. Leon Braxton and Ernie Calhoun met in the feature half of the show and Leon caught Ernie flush in the eighth round, and with only two seconds remaining Ernie was counted out, after a sensational fight put on by these two lightweights. Joe Evans hooked up with Lee Strong in a six and Joe pounded out a hard-fought decision over the ever-trying Strong. Carrington McNutt took on Willie Lanham, and after trailing for the first two rounds came on to win the duke at the end.

Willie Davis belted out Frankie Smith in the first.

In another double eight-round feature event the Garden A. C. presented Elton Evans and Soldier Montoya. Elton was too much for the soldier and won the unanimous decision. Larry Thomas beat Johnny Gebert in a great fight. In sixes Arthur Bethea won over George Williams, and in fours Joe Williams won over Frankie Les; Harry Parisi won over Kid Lewis and Eddie Wilson won over Allie Johnson, stopping Allie in the first.

The writer, who is matchmaker for the Garden A. C., will be glad to hear from anyone having good club fighters, or from fighters unattached who would like to show for this club. Contact the writer at 3825 Fairview Avenue, Baltimore 16, Md.

HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS
By COLIN FAULKNER

RICHARD (KID) HOWARD, 130½, Halifax, retained his Maritime lightweight crown by scoring a T.K.O. over Russell (Kid) Lantz, 123, also of Halifax, in 2:07 of the seventh canto of a scheduled ten-round feature bout at the Armouries.

Gene Fowler, 172½, Yarmouth, got a unanimous verdict over Hal Higgins, 183, Truro. Percy Paris, 135, New Glasgow, got the nod over Blaine Hayden, 133, Springhill. In the curtain-raiser James Steeves, 135, Truro, outpointed Lloyd Carr, 136, Dartmouth.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

LEE SALA, middleweight charge of Pete Andrews, is giving Tampa boxing followers the hopes that they are harboring a champion in the making. The classy young middleweight from Donora, Pa., is the hottest thing around the Cigar City. Sala has been knocking over everybody. He has a string of wins to stamp him as one of the past year's outstanding prospects.

Sala, facing the biggest and sternest test of his short but spectacular professional boxing career, added the name of Bobby Britton, of Miami, to his list when he gave the tough Bobby a decisive 10-round trimming in a good scrap at Fort Homer Hesterly in Tampa before 3000 fans. Promoter Dave White's best offering in the Gulf Coast city.

In another 10-rounder between Mario (Chico) Morales, Tampa, and Jean Barriere, of Canada, Barriere took the nod. Both are feathers.

A third tenner had Knute (Buster) Baker, of Terre Haute, Ind., winning over local welterweight Rene Cantero.

A great prelim match between Hank Roque, Tampa, and Terry Lee went to a six-round draw. Lee scored nicely in the fourth with a body blow but Hank came back in the next chapter to plant his man down twice. Mike Gonzales won a four-rounder from Allie Wolfe in a welter contest. Not a knockout on the card, something most unusual in Tampa.

Vince Gambill, El Reno, Oklahoma, welterweight, won a slashing nine-round T.K.O. victory over Cowboy Billy Petersen, of Billings, Montana. It was a rough bout all the way until things came to a halt in the ninth when Referee Billy Regan saw Petersen was unable to continue after being dropped by a powerful right to the chin.

Joey Krikis, Bronx, N. Y., lightweight, took an eight-round decision over Johnny Dyson, Miami lad. Irish Jackie Hogan, Pittsburgh, drew with Shorty La Bore, Newark, in a lightweight sixer. Buster Zeigler, Miami welter, started on his professional career with a one-round kayo over Red Gino, West Palm Beach boy. Rallying in the closing chapters. Humberto Sierra, Cuban lad, finally made it to cop a ten-rounder over Ed Serratos, 125.

Clyde Gordon, Dixie welter champ, was a close winner over former welterweight champion Fritzie Zivic in a nine-rounder at the Civic Center Arena, Dave White's promotion. Clyde was like a lost kid during the initial frames but found himself eventually and from there on set the pace that saw the tricky Fritzie wilt under Gordon's aggressiveness.

Hal Meredith, Macon welter, turned in a 10-round win over Rene Cantero, of Tampa in the feature in Savannah under Buster White's promotion.

Al Young and Billy Dixon appeared in the semi of six and Young was given the nod. Both welters. Jim Burke, local 169-pounder, stopped Red Parks, 160, Macon, in four. Harry Harvey, localite, 119 pounds, stopped Kid Bailey, 118, Macon, in six. Tony DeAngelo, Savannah and Freddie Wiggins, Charleston, went to a four-round draw in a bantam affair.

Again at Savannah, Hal Meredith, Macon welter, triumphed over Savannah's middleweight Billy Dyer in a ten-rounder.

In the six-round semi, Johnny Breitenbruk, Parris Island marine, used his boxing skill to win over Gus Aldridge, of Macon in a middleweight affair. Harry Harvey, local feather, surprised by stopping another local favorite, Fag Simmons, in the third heat. Dickie Mullen, Charleston lad, won over Tony DeAngelo, Savannah boy, who suffered his first loss in a local ring. Both are feathers. Don Rogers won a four-heater from Steve Sloneski, Savannah.

At Sarasota, Florida, Blondy Baggett, 17-year-old Tampa lad, enlarged his knockout list with Ernie Nogues, 132, another Tampan, as the latest. Nogues is the only fighter to record a win over Baggett. Blondy has 27 wins in 28 bouts. Nogues went out in the eighth heat. It was the loser's first kayo defeat in 34 ring battles.

In the semi-final, an eight-rounder, Larry Lynn, 150, Tampa, also added to surprises by taking Joe Torres, 153, of Puerto Rico.

Featherweights headed Promoter Dave White's show in Tampa with Curly Nichols, now of Miami, battling it out with Ray Delgado, of Tampa. The bout was given to Curly, who opened a cut above the Cuban boy's left eye in the seventh and could not answer for the eighth.

Rene Cantero, local welter, put on a good fight to beat Jack Larrimore, of Miami, in 10. The bout was termed a draw but a re-check showed Rene ahead and he was given the final nod. Gregorio Perez, Spanish feather, got a three-round T.K.O. over Joey Wasnick, of New Haven, Conn. Bobby Fuller, West Palm Beach welter, won easily over Mike Gonzales in a sixer. Terry Lee, Tampa, had a one-round kayo registered in his favor when he made short work of Red Gino, of West Palm Beach.

Virginia's latest gloved gift is Herbie "Biff" Jones, a featherweight with a punch that speaks with authority. Biff is managed by Harry Groves, of Washington, D. C. In his last bout there, the Virginian kayoed Billy Reed in six. At Norfolk, Va., Biffie stopped Babe Kelly.

Cal Cagni, former welter and middleweight contender from Cresskill, N. J., is making Jacksonville, the scene of his Navy service days, his home.

Another lad, whom Harry Groves, the manager of Jones, has in his stable is Frankie Sweeney, 1944 National Amateur champ, now a middleweight. Sweeney, a recent returnee from Italy, where he was in the Army of Our Boys, T.K.O.'ed Pedro Bass, Baltimore, in the third heat on the same card with Jones versus Firpo.

A late result from Miami. . . . Promoter Sam Weinstein headed his show with Humberto Sierra and Mario (Chico) Morales, both lighties, in a 10-rounder. The result was a draw.

In the co-ten, Knute Baker, Terre Haute, Indiana, belted out Hank Clineman of Reading, Cal., in the third. They are welters. Weinstein gave his staff each a year's subscription to THE RING as a Christmas gift.

Jimmy Hatcher, capable Florida and South Carolina welterweight, and his manager, Bobby North, of New York, writes us that the waged scrap between Hatcher and Chico Morales, as reported in our column several issues ago was given to us incorrectly, hence these lines. According to Jimmy, the referee, Jimmy Gardner, refused to give the fight to either boy as both had taken the fight, a rough one with each using unethical tactics. Therefore, a retraction in our statement that Morales won, until Gardner informs of his decision.

In other matches on the Clyde Gordon-Fritzie Zivic go in Miami at the Civic Center Arena—the best bout was fought between Jackie Perkins, classy Worcester, Mass., lightie, and Gregario Perez, Havana. Perkins won the eight-round semi to keep his Miami string of battles on the unbeaten side. Frankie Santora, 178, of West Palm Beach, beat Jimmy Quigley, of Philadelphia, 173, in a sixer. Irish Jackie Hogan, Pittsburgh lightweight, beat Billy Grimm, 138, Owassa, Mich., in six. In another sixer, Irving Marcus, Brooklyn middleweight trounced Buddy Best, of Wilmington, N. C.

We regret to hear of the death of Frankie Jarreau, young Erwinville, La. featherweight boxer, in an automobile accident that occurred near Canton, Miss.

Two fast featherweights, Chili Cantero, of Tampa, and Joey Krikis, of Bronx, N. Y., headlined at West Palm Beach with Cantero winning by a nine-round T.K.O. over the New York Greek boy. Cantero at 124; Krikis at 130.

Buster Baker, Terre Haute, 148, won easily over Jerry Heimowitz, Brooklyn, in the semi eight. Baby Joe Diaz, 130, Tampa, won a six-rounder from Joey Wasnick, 133, New Haven, Conn. Bobby Fuller, drew in six with Billy Grimm. Jimmy Bruton, 123, won a five round T.K.O. over Clyde Templeton, 122.

Humberto Sierra, classy Cuban lightweight, continued his slate clean when on Promoter Sam Weinstein's show at the Biscayne. Sierra won easily over Young Chino Alvarez, of Tampa, 130.

In another tenner, Knute "Buster" Baker, 147, won from Cannonball Canovas, Tampa, 154, with both lads swinging hard ones.

Irish Jackie Hogan, 132, beat Bobby Fuller, 141, in six; Geronimo Kelly, 198, beat Charles Perk, 187, in a four; and Jimmy Bruton, 126, T.K.O.'ed Clyde Templeton, in three.

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Guy Brown, Belmont, N. C. middleweight slugger is supplying the thunderous action on Promoter Ted Ball's Asheville shows. Brown's heavy punching has made him a big drawing card. Brown kayoed Teet Montooth in the sixth.

Another corking scrap was the semi between Snooks Howard and Don Bowman, both lighties. Howard won the six-round decision after furious going. A six-heater between Al Cook and Gordon Ball went to Cook by a T.K.O. in the fifth. Heavy punching was a feature. Cook tipped 162, and Ball, 170. Dave Langley, 130, kayoed Ep Arwood, 134, in two. Bud English, 137, knocked out Holmes Bryson, 140, in two.

Clyde Gordon, Southern welter champion, had a busy time of it in his ten-rounder with Tony Rios, Mexican welter, but managed to take the nod after a bitter battle. Rios forced the fighting in the first phase of the fight. The champion made his stand in the three final rounds and gained sufficient points to win.

Art Ramsey, 195, Glen Falls, N. Y., scored a two-round kayo over Jimmy Dodd, 206, of Oakland, Cal. Norman See, Canadian 137-pounder, stopped Danny Stan, 134, Bronx, N. Y., in two. Jean Barriere, another Canadian lad, T.K.O.'ed Frankie Fernley in the fourth. Both lighties. Jimmy Bruton, 125, won a four-round T.K.O. over Georgie Stone, 128.

The Miami Boxing Commission, getting orders to toughen up, helped Canadian Jean Barriere get a 10-round draw in his bout with Curly Nichols of Miami in their headliner at Promoter Dave White's Civic Center Arena. The crowd booed the verdict when Nichols was announced the winner and after the action taken by the boxing commission, the fans drowned the jeers with cheers. (In fairness to Promoter White, the judges and referee are appointed by the commission, therefore the sting cannot be placed at the promoter's door.)

The co-ten saw Birmingham's Ben Montabana, a welter, take Steve Sabatino for an easy win. Billy Grimm, local 140-pounder, won in six rounds from Johnny Dyson of New Bedford, Mass., and Miami. Jerry Geitzer, 153, of New York, decisioned Buddy Best, 155, North Carolina. Bobby Elliott, local lightweight, won over Joey Wasnick, of New Haven, Conn., in six.

At Promoter Dave White's Civic Center Arena Henry Chemel, New England welterweight, knocked out Eddie Steele, Macon, Ga., in the fourth. The winner weighed 160, and the loser 166.

In a scheduled eight-rounder, promising Lee Sala, Donora, Pa., made short work of Jimmy Quigley, 170, Philadelphia, in the first. Sala was outweighed by ten pounds. Irving Marcus T.K.O.'ed Jack O'Brien in the fifth round of a middleweight bout. Sam Santi, local boy, and Jerry Dryson, 156½, drew in four. Santi at 148.

Dave Meredith, West Palm Beach welter, scored a convincing nine-round halter over veteran Frankie Ross, of Boston. A sell-out crowd of 2500 saw another good card.

In the semi, Hal Meredith, Dave's brother, lost to Clarence "Cotton" King, local boy. Both at 142.

Billy Grimm, 138, decisioned Buster Zeigler, 141, Miami, in the prelim match. Frankie Fernley, 130, drew in a five-rounder with Clyde Templeton, 124. Jimmy Bruton, 123, stopped Eddie Browers, 121, Miami, in the first.

At East Point, Ga.—Harold Glymph kayoed Freddie Sargent of Philadelphia in three, while Tommy Campbell, Atlanta welter, stopped Bandana Kid in the sixth. Tiny Gaston decisioned Bob Michaels in six.

At West Palm Beach—Once more Chili Cantero, Tampa featherweight, defeated Joey Krikis in ten. The two feathers drew a packed house of 2500 fans.

Manola Kid, Cuban feather, T.K.O.'ed Midge Mangine, 129, Cleveland boy, in four due to the injury sustained to Mangine's arm during the bout. An exam in the dressing room showed Mangine with a badly swollen arm.

Shorty LaBore, 137, won over Bobby Fuller, 138, in five. Billy Grimm, 140, stopped Sammy Colter, 145, in the fourth. Frankie Fernley, 129, stopped Jimmy Bruton, 126, in two.

At the Biscayne—Billy Smith, Minneapolis welter, fought furiously to win over Joey Pirrone, of Cleveland, in the 10-round feature.

In the semi eight Buster Zeigler, local welter, defeated Johnny Dyson, 135, in six. Bobby Elliot, Miami youngster, kayoed Sonny Cotter, 148, in two. Joe Hendricks, Miami lightie, kayoed Al Desmond in one. Frank Kearney and Joe Gibbs, 149, drew in four.

At Asheville—Guy Brown kayoed Babe Saunders in five. Both boys middleweights.

Freddie Masters, 150, took on plucky 141-pound Dick Driver and won in eight rounds of the semi tilt. Bill Corbett, 169, beat Al Cook, 162, in a hectic six. Bud English, 139, stopped Bobby Thrift, 142, in the second. Holmes Bryson, 142, won over Bobby Taylor, 144.

Vince Gambill, El Reno welterweight, won unanimously over Knute "Buster" Baker of Terre Haute, Indiana, in the feature at West Palm Beach. The elusive Baker didn't give Gambill the chance to get over his heavy hitting with the exception of the fourth round when Vince dumped Knute with a right cross for an eight count. Baker was given credit for winning four rounds.

Frankie Ross, Boston, 150, belted Jack Brazeaile, Jacksonville, for a loss in five rounds. Ross had Jack down four times, including the fatal count. Jackie Burke, Pittsburgh middleweight, did a quick job on Buddy Best of Wilmington, N. C., scoring in 0:55 of round one. Bobby Fuller, Boston, kayoed Danny Laverne Brazeaile, of Jacksonville, in the second. Both are welters. Sam Santi, Miami, drew in four with Jerry Heimowitz in a welter go.

A Negro fight card held in Miami saw Al Smith beat Jimmy Bell in a 10-rounder. Both heavyweights. Smith scored his points after the first round.

Tiger Bakaan kayoed Arthur Jeter in the sixth round of another heavyweight bout. Willie Gems, 140, won a sixer from Ray Lewis, 136. Jake Simmons, 134, and Harry Williams, 136, drew in a four spot. Marty Marion, 164, beat Kid Cooley, 169, in another four.

Ballyhooed to the skies, the first American Legion outdoor show in Miami's famed Orange Bowl attracted 7579 patrons who paid $37,476.10 to see what proved a dud as a card. Joey Maxim and Steve Belloise faced unequal opposition in Marty Clark and Izzy Jannazzo, respectively. It's a wonder how the boxing commission ever okayed such pairings when the prices ranged up to $12 for a ringside seat. And didn't the commish get orders to toughen up?

Maxim, Ohio's ranking heavyweight, T.K.O.'ed Clark in the seventh round when Referee Eddie Coachman brought an end to the fans' misery.

Steve Belloise, Bronx middleweight, stopped the veteran Izzy Jannazzo in the third, after which Chris Dundee, Izzy's manager announced Izzy's retirement after 17 years of campaigning. Dundee should have thought of that before the fans were treated to this fiasco. Red Cameron, Miami heavyweight boxer, lost to Jackie Cranford, from Washington, D. C., in ten.

The Joey Angelo-Clarence "Cotton" King pairing was the best of the lot, with Angelo, Providence, R. I., earning the win in ten rounds of hard going. Both are welters.

Jackie Burke, middleweight from Pittsburgh, looked very good in stopping Irving Marcus in the fourth.

A four-round draw resulted in the Bobby Fuller-Gregarion Perez lightweight bout.

Max Baer, former heavyweight monarch, and Maxie Rosenbloom, one-time ruler of the light-heavyweight boys, are in Florida with a cracker-jack act that wows the night clubbers.

Fighters who intend to show in Florida should write to Tom Ephrem at 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville 8, Florida. Please send picture and record in first letter. Have a good proposition for unattached fighters wanting to appear in Florida.

Boxing news and results will be gladly carried in this column about the South and Southern fighters boxing anywhere.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

PROMOTER Hans Bernstein, entered the 1947 season with a bangup show that was action from bell to bell. The show was the usual above par attraction and provided the fans with a solid evening of boxing. The gross gate contributed by 5,831 spectators totaled $12,299.70 and was held at Kiel Auditorium, January the 8th.

The only part of the attraction that left a foul taste in the mouth of the fans was the mishandling of the main event between St. Louis's Charley Riley, 127½, and Aponte Torres, 126, by Referee Bob Ingham.

The sudden ending of the bout came in the sixth round, with Torres on the ropes bobbing and weaving from the blows being rained upon him by the over-anxious Riley. When it appeared that Torres was just about to come out of his shell and commence some firing of his own, Referee Ingham stepped between the two warriors and raised Riley's hand in victory.

Riley was ahead on points in every round.

Sharing the Riley and Torres spotlight, Bob Foxworth of East St. Louis, 179, in a scheduled ten-round co-featured attraction, stopped Bob Garner, a Louisville 182-pounder, in the eighth round with a T.K.O. win. Garner was hopelessly outclassed and a gory mess. Referee Dick Young stopped the bout to save Garner. Foxworth injured his right hand in the second round.

Mike Buha, St. Louis, stopped Jack Wortham, 176, of Amarillo, Texas, in three. Herb Kranz, referee.

Johnny Grady, 122, Gary, Indiana, outpointed Eddie Dames, 125, St. Louis, in six. Herb Kranz, referee.

Paulie Davis, 146½, St. Louis, and Johnny Tabbs, 150, St. Louis, fought a four-round draw. Benny Kessler, referee.

Harry Eagles, St. Louis's number two promoter on the seniority list, has had to drop all plans for his immediate fistic presentations due to a serious illness from which I am happy to relate he is showing improvement. Eagles' present plans call for a trip to Mexico to bring fighters North.

Eddie Davis, prominent boxing man of Los Angeles, California, has been made the boxing director of the huge C.Y.O. juvenile program which will soon make its debut in Los Angeles. To my way of thinking a more fitted man than Mr. Davis could not have been picked for the job as I am sure that he is most sincere in his all out efforts to keep the American youth clean in body as well as in mind.

HOOKS AND JABS—Deacon Logan, under the guiding hand of George Wilsman, seems to be unable to obtain a match with Wichita's Al Velez . . . This boy Johnny Tabbs could round out into a very pleasing club fighter if he ever gets into topnotch condition.

Commissioner William Herring has agreed to let Promoter Bernstein have a hand in naming the referee that works the feature bouts of future shows.

Frank Mitchell is the new owner of St. Louis's featherweight sensation Charley Riley.

Harry Szerzenski, lightweight protege of Voris Mohler, punched out a four-round decision over Speedy Moore at Omaha, Nebraska.

At Kansas City, Kansas, Mike Buha, St. Louis met his first reverse when he suffered a knockout at the hands of Charley Martin of Kansas City. Buha met his Waterloo in the first round when he was slow getting started. This was Mike's third pro fight, having won his first two on knockouts himself.

Eddie Dames, a stablemate of Buha, scored a T.K.O. over Danny Martin of Detroit. Jackie Dickers of St. Louis ran his string of wins to 14 when he punched out a six-round decision over Edmonds Carr of Kansas City. Dames and Dickers are both featherweights.

On Hans Bernstein's card at Kiel Auditorium, Jim Ritchie, 177, St. Louis, was on the receiving end of a ten-round beating administered by Lee Savold, 193½, Paterson, N. J., lefthooker. Ritchie received a cut eye in the second round which continued to swell, and the end of the fifth round saw the peeper rapidly closing from repeated thumping. Savold immediately set his sights for the right eye of the St. Louis boy which was well on its way to closing at the end of the one-sided bout.

Judge Gene Farrel cast the lone ballot for Savold, scoring it 53 for Savold and 47 for Ritchie. Judge Al Graf saw it 53 to 47 in favor of Ritchie and Referee Ray Palmer called it 50 for Savold and 50 for Ritchie, thereby making a draw decision a must. These things do boxing no good and the fans make no bones about voicing their disapproval of such proceedings.

Semi windup—Milton Jones, 166, St. Louis, stopped Jack Hill, 170, Bloomington, Ill., in five rounds. Dick Young, referee. Paulie Davis, 148, St. Louis, decisioned Johnny Tabbs, 148, St. Louis, in six rounds. Jimmy Parker, referee. Jim Bull, 162, St. Louis, and Paul Darby, 162½, Detroit, drew in six rounds. Tommy Sullivan, referee. In the curtain raiser—Darby Dan, 175, St. Louis, stopped Elmer Holt, 174, Bloomington, Ill., in one round. Fred Coyne, referee.

Attendance, 5,319. Gross gate receipts, $11,633.00.

The latest obstacle to be thrown into the path of boxing here in Missouri is a new ruling issued by the Missouri Athletic Commission just recently. The new handicap is not in effect as yet, nor will it be until July of this year. Commission Chairman Floyd W. Jones made it known, following a Commission meeting, that hereafter if a boxer is injured and unable to continue fighting before half way through the scheduled bout, the referee will rule the match a draw. If half or more of the rounds have been fought when the injured fighter is unable to continue the match will be awarded to his opponent on a decision.

A bright and shining example of the unfairness of this new ruling was brought to the attention of the followers of boxing in the curtain-raiser on the Ritchie and Savold card when Darby Dan won with a T.K.O. over Elmer Holt as the fight was stopped in the first round. If the new ruling had been in force Dan would have had to be content with a draw even after stopping his opponent. Nice for Holt, but tough for Dan. Let's all hope that this new ruling is pushed back out into the cruel, cold world, before it creates too much havoc.

At Wichita, Kansas—Deacon Nathan Logan, the St. Louis light-heavyweight thumper, added another win in his column when he defeated Dolph Quijano of El Paso in eight rounds by a unanimous decision, which by the way was a newspaper decision since Kansas is a no decision state.

In the semi windup Kid Riviera, 232, of St. Louis, kayoed John O'Taras, Los Angeles, 200-pound, six-foot-four, ex-service champion, in one. Earl Washington, 170, Dallas, Tex., outpointed Jack Wortham, 174, of Amarillo, Texas, in a gruelling six-rounder which saw both boys on the deck often.

At Kansas City, Kansas—Jackie Darthard, Kansas City welterweight, scored his first win over Mickey Savage of St. Louis. This was the third time that the two had been matched with Savage getting the nod in the previous two matches. This was Darthard's sixteenth win in eighteen starts.

On the same card Freddie Latson, a 126-pounder from St. Louis, scored a first-round K.O. over Earl (Jeep) O'Neal, of Oklahoma City, O'Neal, a former Golden Gloves titleholder and A.A.U. national featherweight champion who had won his first eight professional starts, went down from a hard left to the jaw and got mixed up on the count. He jumped to his feet after the ten count and protested bitterly against the decision, but a knockout it was.

In the Deacon Logan and Tony Zale fight that was held at Omaha, Nebraska, it was Logan who stopped himself in the sixth round of the scheduled tenner. In the sixth heat, Logan was on the receiving end of a sizzling body punch that spun him entirely around. In trying to regain his balance, he fell on his outstretched right arm and dislocated his right shoulder. Until the unfortunate sixth round ending, Logan, the Missouri middleweight champ, spoiled most of Zale's efforts with his ringwise tactics. Logan started a mouse on Zale's left eye. There were no knockdowns, but it was a pier sixer all of the way. More than 3,000 fans saw this scrap.

Other results on the same card saw, Kid Riviera, 226, of St. Louis, score a T.K.O. over Al Spalding of Beaumont, Texas, in four. Billy Cornwall, 131½, Des Moines, Iowa, and Mustang Garcia, 134, Sante Fe, New Mexico, drew in six. Jimmy Bull, 157, St. Louis, T.K.O.'ed Maxwell Butcher, 165, Omaha, Nebraska, in one. Nick Sanders, 119½, St. Louis, scored a three-round T.K.O. over Paulie Martinez, 123, Omaha. Rata Sota, 111, Juarez, Mexico, decisioned Baby Gallo, 110, Wichita, Kansas, in four.

Send all news of interest to readers of this column to Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis St., De Soto, Missouri. I would also appreciate receiving autographed photos of fighters and managers to add to my fast growing collection.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

By HUGH SHANNON

PHIL MUSCATO won a knockout victory over Big Bill Petersen, Chicago heavyweight, February 4, after a short but hard fight, and it was anybody's battle until Phil landed a number of terrific rights and lefts on Petersen's jaw. Petersen suffered a bad cut under his right eye and this caused Referee Lou Scozza to halt the battle in the third session after Bill twice went to the canvas for long counts.

In preliminaries Cyclone Williams, 199½, won a decision over Johnny Ross, 195, in six rounds. Clownish Harold Reiss, 175, of Windsor, Ont., and Billy Adams, 168, Buffalo, fought a six-round draw; Bobby Dare, 172½, Buffalo, won on a T.K.O. over Billy Gordon, 167½, third round; Harry Marshall, 139¾, Windsor, Ont., won from Johnny Chatman, 140½, Buffalo, six; Rickey Miller, 149½, and Eli (Jumping Jack) Hall, 153½, boxed four rounds to a draw.

Frankie Zamaris, a protege of Two-Ton Tony Galento and Babe Cullen, knocked out Prentiss Hall in the tenth round on January 22. Hall led all the way, but when Zamaris connected that was enough, as it spelled finis for Prentiss. The latter has, incidentally, announced his retirement from the ring.

Jack Singer expects to match Lee Oma and Phil Muscato for a twelve-rounder, some time in March or April. Singer also wants Joey Maxim for Muscato again.

Fistic Bits—Charlie Palmer has made good as manager of the FAC gym. . . . He has about 40 boxers training in the big emporium. . . . Ray Lewis, the flashy Hawaiian, whipped Johnny Giebert, January 21, in six rounds on the Hall-Zamaris match. . . . Lee Oma went down to defeat at Phil Muscato's hands on January 14 at the Hudson Club. . . . The fight was fast and furious and the decision was roundly disputed by the Oma handlers. . . . Joe Netro is keeping Joey DeJohn and Jimmy Mandell busy in out-of-town rings.

Johnny Shkor, the towering Baltimore heavyweight, who is managed by Jack Sharkey and Johnny Buckley, won a surprise victory over Joe Matisi, Endicott, N. Y., puncher, by stopping Matisi in the seventh round at Memorial Auditorium, January 7. Matisi was out in front in most of the sessions until the last two, when the terrific body punching of Shkor slowed Joe down to a walk. The end came in the seventh round with dramatic suddenness. A right cross to the jaw sent Joe to the mat. He got up, but Referee Lou Scozza halted proceedings. The paid attendance was 6001 and the net receipts $10,220.38.

Around the Town—Ed (Don) George, former world wrestling champion, is the new matchmaker of the Great Lakes A. C. . . . George succeeds the late Jerry Monahan. . . . Tony Sciolino has decided to quit fighting for good. . . . The 38-year-old lightweight was stopped recently at Rochester and decided there was no future for him as a boxer.

Bert Finch believes Joe Matisi will whip Shkor in a return go . . . Jack Singer would like to pit Phil Muscato against Jersey Joe Walcott, but it is said Walcott wants $7500 guarantee, which is too much money.

Wrestling is booming in Buffalo. The Great Lakes Club is packing 'em in every Friday night. Grapplers who are cards here are Frank Sexton, Karl Davis, Paul Boesch, Bobby Bruns, Primo Carnera, Frederich Von Schacht, Bob Wagner, Vic Christy, Whipper Billy Watson and others.

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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

BRITISH Light-heavyweight Champion Freddie Mills, of Bournemouth, 180½, who has now decided to stick entirely to boxing men of his own weight, and to leave the really big fellows alone, made a welcome return to the ring at the Royal Albert Hall, London, when he knocked out the Dutch light-heavy king, Willy Quentenmeyer, 169½, in the second of a scheduled ten-round contest.

Mills was always the master, from the first gong onwards, when he tore into the Dutchman, determined to prove his superiority.

He punished his opponent unmercifully during the first session, and in the second, found the opening he was looking for.

A short sharp right hook to the jaw was the finishing punch and the Dutchman went down as though poleaxed.

The chief supporting contest paired the world's flyweight champion, Jackie Paterson, inside 122 pounds, with British Guiana's bantamweight champ, Cliff Anderson, 122 pounds, and a contest full of thrills this proved to be.

Anderson, at the top of his form, caught the Scot with a peach of a right to the jaw and Paterson was dropped to the canvas, but arose immediately to continue the task.

The third round saw Paterson go clean through the ropes and onto the press table but managed to return to the ring to beat the count and the melee went on.

Anderson tried hard to score with a telling blow, but Paterson was always wary, and kept coming back for more.

Paterson fought a magnificent battle but could not seem to gain the upper hand and the Negro was a clear points winner in eight rounds.

Jackie Bryce, 114¼, of Scotland, outpointed Dicky O'Sullivan, 114½, of Finsbury Park, on points in eight rounds.

Reg. Hoblyn, of Twickenham, outpointed Dave Edwards, of Liverpool, over eight rounds, while Ernie Woodman, of Battersea, outpointed Jack Todd, of Ayr, over six rounds.

Jackie Paterson, the world flyweight champion, won his fifth title when he scored a seventh-round knockout over Johnny King, the British bantamweight champion.

Paterson, who already holds the world, British and Empire flyweight crowns and the Empire bantam championship, added the British bantam title to the array.

Using a southpaw punch, Paterson knocked down King three times before flooring him for the count.

Jackie Rankin, of Southall, stopped Stan Callard, of West Ham, in the sixth round at the Seymour Hall, London, when after Callard had taken three long counts, the referee intervened.

Albert Finch, of Croydon, won a good contest when he received a points decision in eight rounds over "Ginger" Sadd, of Norwich.

Gwyn Williams, of Wales, defeated Jordan Tarone, of West Africa, the referee stopping the bout in the fourth of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Harry Davis, of Bethnal Green, outpointed Willie Whyte, of Glasgow, over eight rounds.

Johnny Boyd, of Peterborough, outpointed George Howard, of Finsbury Park, over eight rounds.

Johnny Best, of London, defeated Jim Hockley, of Covent Garden, when the latter was disqualified in the fifth at the West Ham Baths, for persistent holding. Mickey Jones, of Southend, knocked out Billy Pearce, of Islington, in the fifth of a scheduled six-rounder.

Andy McKenzie, of South Shields, outpointed Tommy Moran, of Bournemouth, over eight rounds at the Town Hall, Watford.

Reg. Spring, of Southall, outpointed Jack Beech, of Bletchley, over eight rounds.

Bert Jackson, 129, of Fleetwood, outpointed Bob Bates, of Coxhoe, 125, in the main event of ten rounds at the Stadium, Liverpool.

Tommy Renner, 161, of Liverpool, won over Joe Hart, 159, of St. Helens, when the latter was disqualified in the second of a scheduled eight.

Frank Kelly, of Liverpool, outpointed Teddy Peckham, of Bournemouth, over eight rounds.

Jackie Ryder, of Liverpool, outpointed Pat Flynn, of Liverpool, over six rounds.

Emmet Kenny, of St. Helens, outpointed Norman James, of Liverpool, in a fierce six-round curtain raiser.

Al Phillips, 130, the Aldgate challenger to Nel Tarleton for the latter's featherweight title, won his first contest in 1947 when, at Seymour Hall, he outpointed the tough Frenchman, Jean Mougin, 134¼, in eight rounds.

When the contest started it seemed that it wouldn't last long for Phillips tore in and was all over the Frenchman. By the third session Mougin was giving as good as he was receiving and he gave Phillips a hard fight all the way, losing on points but endearing himself to the fans by his fine display.

Tommy Barnham, 135, of Fulham, won a great contest over eight rounds when he well outpointed Andre Famechon, 134¾, of France, after giving him what amounted to a boxing lesson.

Barnham was equal to all the wiles of the Frenchman and boxed brilliantly to win by a wide margin.

Charlie Squires, 112, of Coventry, outpointed Jimmy Gill, 114¾, of Nottingham, in eight rounds. Gill took two long counts in the third session, and had to do plenty of hanging on until he made good his recovery.

Nevertheless Squires, whose fourth professional contest this was, won well by virtue of his clever boxing and hard punching.

Ronnie Clayton, 127, of Blackpool, outpointed Ben Duffy, 127, of Jarrow, over eight rounds.

Len Coffin, 122, of Bethnal Green, coming in two pounds overweight in his contest with Johnny Boom, 119½, of Stratford, reversed a previous points decision, when he outpointed the Stratford bantamweight by a narrow points margin.

Arthur Gould, 125, of Woolworth, outpointed Dave Sharkey, 128¼, of Aldgate, over six rounds.

Johnny King, British bantamweight champion, 123¼, made a reappearance at Seymour Hall after a seven-year absence from the ring owing to his war service in the Royal Navy and showed that his absence from the ring has told upon him. His opponent, Teddy O'Neil, 123¼, of Scotland, gave him a difficult journey in eight rounds and well outpointed the British champion, flooring him several times in the early rounds.

Danny Sewell, 168, of Islington, knocked out Danny Newson, of Richmond, 175¾, in the first of a scheduled six-rounder. The contest lasted 1 minute, 20 seconds, including the count.

Sewell, a 16-year-old light-heavyweight, will, if brought along carefully, prove an asset to big boxing when he is a little older.

Joe Cornelis, 119¾, a Belgian bantamweight, proved too good for Mickey Francis, Australia's bantamweight champion, who was outpointed after eight strenuous rounds.

Dick Turpin, of Leamington, 156, boxed well for seven of his scheduled eight-rounder with George Howard, of Finsbury Park, and was way ahead on points when a terrific right hook to the chin put him down and out for the full count.

Turpin's brother Randolph avenged the family when he knocked out Jimmy Davis, 157, of Bethnal Green, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder.

Bunty Doran, 120, of Ireland, outpointed Georges Mousse, 119, of France, over eight rounds.

Frank Hough, of Battersea, who is now embarked upon the comeback trail, outpointed Charlie Henry, of Croydon, over eight rounds, at the West Ham Baths.

Ronnie Crogan, of Paddington, knocked out Dave Richards, of Wales, in the first round of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Joe Walsh, of Slough, defeated Peter Worth, of Dagenham, the referee calling a halt in the first of a scheduled six-round affair.

Bobby Fordham, of Kings Cross, knocked out Jimmy Nugent, of Belfast, in the second of a scheduled six-rounder.

Tommy Burns, 125, of Stockton, outpointed Billy Todd, 124, of Leeds, after a thrilling eight-round contest at Middlesborough.

Jack Duffy, of Leeds, outpointed Billy Hamilton, of Haverton Hill, in eight rounds.

Denis Stansil, of West Hartlepool, kept his unbeaten record when he outpointed Jimmy Hamilton, of Sunderland, in six rounds.

Lee Conway, of Stockton, kayoed Bob Britt, of Sunderland, in the third of what was to have been an eight-rounder.

Mark Harrison, of West Hartlepool, outpointed George Wilson, of Aldershot, in six.

Don Smith, of High Wycombe, outpointed Jimmy Bryan, of Gloucester, over eight fast rounds. There was very little separating the two battlers and Smith received a narrow verdict at Penzance.

Ken Mitchell, of Truro, outpointed Pat McLean, of Penzance, over six rounds.

Al Harty, of Birkenhead, defeated Percy Barnes, of Penzance, when the referee called a halt in the last of an eight-rounder.

Fred Missan, of Penzance, and Stoker Galloway (R.N.), fought six hard rounds to a draw.

Jack Pearce, of Sennen, defeated Ken Hughes, of Penzance, over six rounds.

The Ulster Hall, Belfast, was crowded to capacity when Spider Kelly, 140, of Derry, and one-time holder of the British and Empire featherweight championship, embarked upon the comeback trail.

He was opposed to Jim Coates, 138¼, of Lisburn, and won with ease over eight rounds.

Kelly showed flashes of his old form and had Coates in difficult straits several times.

Sergt. Major Johnny Collins, 155½, of Belfast, defeated Jim Doran, 152¾, of Belfast, over eight fast rounds on points.

Joe McLaughlin, 119, of Belfast, outpointed Joe King, 114, of Belfast, over eight rounds.

Charlie Brown, 124¼, of Belfast, outpointed Jim McCambley, 126, of Durgan, over six rounds.

Ike Weir, 112, of Belfast, knocked out Chick Feery, 115, of Dublin, in the second of a scheduled six-rounder.

Ivor Gravell, 118, of Wales, outpointed Joe Josephs, 118, of Wales, in ten rounds at Exeter.

Reg. Spring, 174, of Southall, gained a narrow points win over Jimmy Carrol, 173, of Manchester, in ten rounds.

Teddy Peckham, 123, of Bournemouth, knocked out Ginger McDermott, 124, of Brentford, in the fifth of a scheduled ten-round contest.

Trevor Burt, of Wales, outpointed Bryn Morris, of Wales, over eight fierce rounds.

Billy Hall, of Bridgend, fought hard against Billy Smith, of Bournemouth, but was just not good enough. Smith received a points verdict.

Bill Cadby, of Birmingham, stopped Joe Mollon, of Preston, in the fourth at Walsall, when after having dealt out severe punishment to Mollon, the latter received a badly cut eye, and the referee wisely halted the bout. Roy Ball, of Pontypool, knocked out Jimmy Thompson, of Nottingham, in the second of an eight-rounder.

Chris Jenkins, of Stourbridge, defeated George Butler, of Nottingham, in the fifth of a scheduled eight-rounder. The referee intervened after Butler had taken approximately ten counts.

Mick Mullett, of Alfreton, defeated Eddie Mason, of Rugby, in the second of a scheduled six-rounder.

Stan Baldwin, of Birmingham, defeated Tommy Wilson, of Nottingham, in the second of a scheduled six-rounder.

Jack Tolley, of Langley, outpointed Sid Cooke, of Coventry, over six rounds.

Matt Hardy, of Doncaster, knocked out Les Rowlands, of Dagenham, in the first of a scheduled eight-round heavyweight contest at Bury St. Edmunds.

Ken Whiteley, of Leeds, drew with Teddy Larkham, of Brentford, over ten rounds of terrific milling.

Jack Hart, of Braintree, knocked out George Darlow, of Highgate, in the first of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Morley Nightingale, of Wicken, knocked out Vic Price, of Ipswich, in the first round.

Wally Downes, of Wales, outpointed Ron Smith, of Willenhall, in eight rounds, at Eltham.

Charlie Mapps, of Dagenham, defeated Les Phillips, of Wales, when the referee called a halt in the fifth of a scheduled eight-rounder after Phillips had taken severe punishment.

Ted Lidbury, of Deptford, defeated Sid Burns, of Eltham, the referee calling a halt in the fifth of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Tom Gadney, of Aobeb Wood, defeated George Hatton, of Watford, the referee stopping the fight in the third of a six-round affair.

After repeatedly warning the boxers to make a fight of it, the referee declared "No Contest" in the bout between Frank Phayer, of Woolwich, and Pat Crawford, of Aylesbury.

Scheduled for eight, the bout lasted into the fourth session.

Jimmy Jury, of Bournemouth, defeated Archie Hannan, of Portsmouth, in the third of a scheduled ten-round contest when Hannan was forced to retire with a badly damaged hand.

In the chief supporting bout at Andover, Harry Legge, of Bournemouth, outpointed Jack Sharkey, of Bascombe Down, over eight rounds.

Tommy Shiltoy, of Andover, knocked out Jack Britton, of Salisbury, in the first. Jack Constable, of London, outpointed Frank Bassenger, of Poole, in six hard rounds. Donald White, of Poole, defeated Tommy Beedle, of Andover, the referee calling a halt in the third when Beedle had taken severe punishment.

A program was arranged by Mr. Reg King and the Nottingham Sportsman's fund at the Victoria Baths, Nottingham, in aid of the dependents of the late Alex Murphy, of Glasgow, who met his death in a recent contest at Nottingham. A substantial sum is expected to be handed to Murphy's dependents as a result of this.

Emile Famechon, 112½, of France, who was Murphy's opponent in the ill-fated bout, threw up two contests in France, in order to appear opposite Joe Curran, 111, of Liverpool, and the Frenchman was a good winner after eight interesting rounds.

Paul Doghiaux, 127¾, of France, defeated Jim McCann, 129¾, feather champion of Northern Ireland, who retired in the seventh of an eight-rounder with a damaged eyebrow.

Peter Kane, 120½, of Golbourne, knocked out Tommy Madine, 119, of Belfast, in the fourth.

Johnny Cusick, of Manchester, defeated Billy Marlow, of London, the bout being stopped in the seventh of an eight-rounder.

Jackie Rankin, 130¼, of Southall, outpointed Tommy Kelly, 134, of Derby, over four rounds.

Jack Crosby, of Nottingham, knocked out Tommy Allen, of Leicester, in the first of a four-rounder.

British middleweight champion, Vince Hawkins, of Eastleigh, 162, defeated Jimmy Ingle, of Ireland, 162, in eight rounds at the St. Nelier Stadium, Jersey. Hawkins boxed well and the outcome was never in doubt although a nasty cut over his left eye proved troublesome throughout.

Ronnie Draper, 123¾, of Southampton, outpointed Dick Perriam, of Guernsey, 119½, in six rounds.

Freddie Simpson, of Basingstoke, outpointed Johnny Ingle, Irish lightweight champion, over eight rounds.

Ron Jones, of Wales, outpointed Douglas Bygrave, of Norwich, over eight rounds.

Dave Edwards of Liverpool, 147¼, gained a sensational victory at Johnny Best's Liverpool Stadium when he knocked out Jim Wellard, 148½, of Northampton, in the second round.

Bobby Boland, 114, of Dundee, continued his winning streak when he knocked out Jimmy Thompson, 114, of Nottingham, in 68 seconds of the first round.

Gordon Ashun, 144, Liverpool, outpointed Denis Chadwick, 139, Bridlington, in a hard-hitting eight-round contest.

Johnny Summers of Edinburgh, gained a points win over Billy Hazelgrove, of Brighton, after a ten-round contest at Leith.

In the supporting bouts Frank Martin, Glasgow, knocked out Douglas Brock, Newcastle, in the first of an eight-round bout. Billy Mawson of Newcastle, was forced to retire in the fifth session owing to a badly cut eye and opponent Jack Todd, Ayr, was declared the winner.

Stan Hawthorne, 135, of North Shields, and challenger for the British lightweight title, was given his chance to retrieve his K.O. loss against the Belgian Josef Preys, 135, in a return contest at St. James Hall, Newcastle. It seems that the K.O. Hawthorne received at the hands of Preys had some effect in his boxing. Whereas he is of the aggressive type, in this contest he was very ineffective and allowed the Belgian to take charge of the bout to such an extent that Hawthorne found it very difficult to land his pet right hand on Preys.

At the end, the referee called the contest a draw but the crowd was of the opinion that the Belgian had deserved the win.

In the other bouts Billy Barton, Liverpool, outpointed Jimmy Jury, Bournemouth, in eight. Howard Webb, Manchester, knocked out Jim Scott, Edinburgh, in the third round. Jimmy Stewart, Edinburgh, defeated Len Shaw, Sheffield, on points in eight. Billy Exley, Newcastle, stopped Kid Francis, Scotland, in the fifth session, and Joe Carr, South Shields, defeated Joe Rolfe, of Sunderland, in the third.

Bert Sanders of Kilburn, defeated Des Jones, of Wales, in the feature bout at the Oxford Town Hall.

The contest was over eight rounds and it was in the last two rounds that Sanders got the edge on the Welshman.

Len Fowler, New Barnet, defeated Syd Williams, of Oxford, in a hard-hitting cruiserweight contest in eight.

Sammy Irvin, Balham, outpointed Tommy Kelly, of Derby, in six.

Bert Jackson, Fleetwood, won on points over Bob Bates, of Coxhoe, in a ten-round contest at the Liverpool Stadium.

Tommy Renner, 159, Liverpool, won on a foul when Joe Hart, 161, of St. Helens, in the second round caught the Liverpool middleweight on the chin and put him on the canvas. In the excitement, Hart struck Renner when he was on one knee and was instantly ruled out.

Frank Kelly, the smart Liverpool featherweight, gained another win when he outpointed Teddy Peckham, of Bournemouth, in an eight-round bout.

Paddy Dowdall, of Dublin, gained a points win in ten rounds over Ben Duffy of Shipley, at Newcastle.

Jordan Tarone, 147¼, of West Africa, won over Johnny Cunningham, of Bethnal Green, 144, at Ramsgate, in an eight-round contest.

Emlyn Jones, 128¼, the clever young Welsh featherweight, suffered his first defeat when he was knocked out in the third by Johnny Osborne, 127½, of Rochester.

Johnny McManus, of Glasgow, made a return to the ring to stop Pat Cunane of Doncaster, in the seventh at Middlesborough. The referee halted the contest in the Scot's favor after Cunane had taken several counts.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

DANNY WEBB, Canadian lightweight champion, staged a convincing display of his brilliant ring prowess by handily outscoring Gus (Pell) Mell in a whirlwind ten-round battle that was declared by many as the greatest struggle seen in the Montreal Forum in nearly twenty years. Nearly 9,000 fans clicked the turnstiles for over $24,000 to see the long awaited attraction staged by Promoter Al Foreman and the fight reminded many of the night in 1930 when this same promoter staged a bruising thriller with the then rock-jawed Detroit Greek, Phil McGraw. There was no question of the decision to Webb. He had too much on the ball for Mell that night, but there is still a question as to the matter of supremacy between the two as Mell was definitely below his usual form. He scaled 137¼.

Harry Hurst, heavy-hitting local welter, turned on his heavy artillery to flatten Buddy Bill Bailey, Negro boy from Nashville, Tenn., in the sixth round. Hurst found Bailey a shifty target but finally got his sights, slowed him up with terrific shots to the body, then kayoed him with an uppercut. It was later discovered that Hurst had fractured his right hand in the second.

The scheduled eight-rounder between Hubert Gagnier and Leo Methot ended abruptly in the first heat when Gagnier connected with a left hook and Methot decided to call it a night.

Arnold Hayes, Negro local heavyweight, had a stormy time of it for a while with "Frankenstein" Hallaway, then nailed him for a nine-count with a right cross in the third and dusted him off with a right uppercut in the fourth. Irish Jimmy Keagney, New York middle, easily licked Rudy Turner, Buffalo, in the opening six.

Johnny Greco, Canadian welter champ, outpunched rugged Freddie Archer, of Newark, in a bruising ten-round battle that headlined Raoul Godbout's offering at the Forum. It was unfortunately staged on a stormy winter night that made traffic conditions terrible but still the show grossed over $22,000.

The best battle on the supporting program was the fiery six-rounder between Jimmy Carter, flashy Jersey lightweight, and Leo Methot.

Charlie Smith, a smart, hard-hitting Negro boy, had too much of everything for Jasper O'Hanley, local welter, in the eight-round semi-final. A promising prospect was seen in one of the four-round preliminaries when Joe Smith outboxed Roger Allaire, then uncorked a timely right cross in the second to flatten Allaire for the count.

FROM MICHIGAN'S RINGS
By BUD JOHNS

BOXERS working out of Michigan have been active both here and in other states, while the Wolverine fistic fans have been offered shows at both the Olympia and the Arena in Detroit, the IMA in Flint, Saginaw, Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

Detroit's Arena has been the most active ring with bouts there each Tuesday evening. On January 7, Bobby McQuillar of Port Huron, former state lightweight champ, needed only 2:50 of the first round to get back on the comeback trail with a knockout win over Charlie Baxter of Cincinnati. 2,150 fans saw McQuillar, 134, floor Baxter, 135, twice before putting him away for the night.

Bill Eddy, 138, of Flint, another former state lightweight champion, had an easy time of it at Saginaw on January 9 as he punched out a 10-round decision over Harold Jones, 136, of Detroit. Jones with only 16 pro fights, was no match for the experienced Flint southpaw and was floored three times.

Jock Leslie, Flint featherweight, who is the number five challenger for Willie Pep's crown, came home January 10 to tuck Benny May of Montreal, away in 1:22 of the third. Leslie, at 127, outweighed the "Fighting Rabbi" by 5½ pounds. In a six-rounder, Georgie Adams of Chicago, edged Eduardo Serratos of Mexico City, in a sizzling featherweight bout. The other six-rounder was shortened somewhat when Benny McCombs of Flint, stopped Eddie Green, Detroit middleweight, in 1:32 of the first. In a five-rounder, John Cmach Martin, Flint heavy, trounced Jackie Thompson of Detroit. In four rounders, Eddie Garland, Flint 135 pounder, floored Ted Black of Detroit, four times in an easy win and Eugene Bell of Detroit outpointed Joe LaScala of Flint. The gross gate was $8,702.50. Jack received $1,943.70, May got $1,295.80.

Willie Edmonds of Grand Rapids, state welterweight champ, spotted Al Thornton, Pittsburgh middleweight, six pounds and dropped the duke in an eight-round main event in the Furniture City January 13. Willie tipped the scales at 151.

Bobby McQuillar of Port Huron, was back in action at Detroit's Arena again January 14 but this time his win was not so clear cut as when he stopped Charlie Baxter. Ace Miller, Toledo lightweight, was the aggressor and won the favor of the fans but the judges still picked the counter puncher from Michigan. 2,585 fans saw McQuillar win his 23rd bout in 27 fights.

Joe Louis seems to be the only Michigan heavyweight who is capable of beating Lee Q. Murray of South Norwalk, Conn. The only Detroiter ever to beat Murray was Odell Riley but the 230-pound Easterner stopped Riley, 194, in the second round of their 10-rounder at Detroit's Arena, January 21.

The man who rocked Joe Louis stepped into the Olympia ring at Detroit, January 25, and floored Johnny Thomas, 194, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., seven times in two rounds before Referee Lou Handler stopped the bout and declared Tami Mauriello, 201 pound New Yorker, the winner. 9,725 fans paid $23,724 to see the mill.

Bobby Lakin of Jamaica, N. Y., held out for nine rounds and the better part of the tenth before Eddie O'Neill, Detroit middleweight, stopped him with but 55 seconds to go in the final round. The fight took place at the Arena in Detroit on January 28.

A crowd of 1,800 fans paid $1,142 into the coffers at Muskegon, January 29, to see Lew Woods, 159, of Detroit, stop George Riley, 160, Cleveland, in the third round. In the prelims, Wild Man Reiss, 159, Detroit, stopped Tom Gordon, 157, Plymouth, in the fourth, and Les Flowett, 143, Windsor, finished Art Jones, 145, Detroit, in the fifth.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF BALTIMORE
By DAVE KREUTER

IT was strictly "experience versus youth" in the Century's feature attraction on February 3, between Harry Jeffra, former bantam and featherweight champion, and Leslie Harris, rising 19-year-old youngster. Experience was the determining factor as Jeffra gave the younger Harris a lesson in the art of fisticuffs, using his footwork to the greatest advantage.

For eight rounds the ageless Jeffra had things pretty well his own way. In the ninth heat Harris opened a cut over Jeffra's eye and, seeing his lone chance for victory, started swinging leather fast and furious. His punches, however, did not pack enough power and Jeffra hung up his first win since coming out of retirement. (In his only other start he was held to a draw by the same opponent.)

Both featherweights are local boys.

In a secondary ten-rounder, Frank Lacy, Baltimore middleweight, and Roy Williams, St. Petersburg, Florida, hooked up in a fast and furious battle. The tempo of battle was not let up for an instant, each taking turns being the aggressor. Williams was given the nod by a majority vote.

In an eight-rounder Bobby Lee of this city and Bernie Miller of New York saw plenty of action with the former emerging the victor.

In fours: Melvin Wade defeated Rocky Farrell and Maurice Nelson knocked out Edgar Banks.

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Artie Levine, 160, knocked out Jimmy Doyle, floored Ray Robinson.
Jimmy McDonough, 147, U. S. Marines Golden Gloves Champion.
Pat Scanlon, 138, beat Tony Pellone, Ruby Kessler and Cleo Shans.
Bert Lytell, 155, beat Holman Williams and split with Jake LaMotta.
Charley Cabey Lewis, 126, floored Willie Pep twice.
Lou Alter, 126, beat Jock Leslie, Pat Brady and Sandy Saddler.
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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
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CECIL HUDSON and Juste Fontaine, home town boxers, won the two main bouts at the Auditorium on New Year's afternoon. Hudson got the unanimous decision over Dave Clark of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Fontaine won by a technical knockout over Jimmy Joyce of Gary, Ind., after 2 minutes 15 seconds of round six. The decision was booed because Clark gave Hudson a thumping in the late rounds, which made the crowd forget the points which Hudson had piled up earlier in the fight. It was one of those decisions that could have gone either way. Hudson, 155; Clark, 157½.

After being knocked down in the first round when he ran into a straight right, Fontaine bounced back up and took charge, scoring knockdowns in the fourth and fifth and finished Joyce off in the sixth with Joyce draped helplessly over the ropes for the count. Fontaine, 139½; Joyce, 137.

Tim Dalton, 133½, Chicago, T.K.O.'ed Matt Dougherty, Milwaukee, 136½, round four. Dr. Brunkhorst refused to let Dougherty continue due to an injured eye. Johnny Grady, Gary, 122½, defeated Mickey Quack, Pittsburgh, 122½, five rounds. Ramey McKnight, Milwaukee, 162, K.O.'ed Doug Jordan, 170, Chicago, 2:27 round two. Bunny Berrigan, 119, Milwaukee, beat Nick Kachiroudas, 123, Chicago (4).

The gross gate was $18,200 and the promoter was George Frank, Milwaukee Sports Club.

Jimmy Sherrer's aggressiveness gave him the decision over Dave Clark of Cincinnati, in a thrill-packed fight at the Milwaukee Auditorium on January 25. Clark had the edge going into the eighth round, which Sherrer took as well as the ninth. Clark came back strong to take the tenth when he started the blood flowing from a cut he opened over Jimmy's left eye with a right hand punch. Judge Owen Murphy scored 6-6. Gil Jackson, Sherrer, 3-2, and Referee Louis Schultz, 7-3. The writer concurred with Murphy's score. Sherrer, 153; Clark, 155¼.

Bill Tierney, 145½, Cleveland, did all the fighting and beat Alvin Jordan, 141½, Milwaukee, in the eight-round semi. Tim Dalton, 134½, Chicago, knocked out Candy Kane, 138, Detroit, 1:23, round six. Johnny Grady, 122½, Gary, beat Danny Martin, 126, Detroit (6). Bunny Berrigan, 118½, Milwaukee, defeated Nick Harris, 121¾, Chicago (5).

The gross gate was $9,590, and the promoter was Morrie Zenoff.

The Murphy brothers, Dr. Will and Ownie, are two of our oldest ring officials. Their interest in boxing dates back prior to the enactment of the Hedding law in 1913. Ownie is a judge and Dr. Will, examining physician for the boxing commission. Ownie was judge for most of brother Richie's amateur fights. Many an amateur took heart under Dr. Will's encouragement. Few are the old-timers who don't give the Murphys a ring when in our city.

Tim Dalton, lightweight, of Chicago, is the fighter of the month here. Trainer Sam Buxbaum has done a good job with the kid. His manager is Verne Hoppe.

Watch this Johnny Bratton of Chicago. Saw him beat Willie Joyce. Barring accidents he'll be the next lightweight champion. He's fast, boxes well and can smack with that right hand.

RING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

THE last fight card of the year was presented at the Civic Auditorium by Promoter Leo Leavitt, featuring Hawaiian featherweight champ, Chico Rosa, and Marciel Baptiste in the ten-round main event. The show drew a near-capacity crowd of 4952 fans who paid $9395.75.

The main event proved short and snappy and lasted only 2 minutes and 30 seconds of the first round. Chico Rosa, 123½, appearing for the second time in a Honolulu ring since his discharge from the army, proved too clever and fast for the less experienced Marciel Baptiste, whose weight was announced at 127. Baptiste came up from the floor on five different occasions, but it did him no good.

Other results: Robert Takeshita, 140½, won his toughest battle to date by putting the sleeper on Butch O'Hara, 142, in 1 minute, 19 seconds of the first round. The fight was scheduled to go five rounds.

Manuel Anduha, 128, outslugged Freddy Silvano, 125¼, in five rounds.

Johnny Torres won over Herbert Perreira in four rounds. Welterweights.

Kid Waialua held Vinny Girona to a draw in the four-round opener. Bantamweights.

David Kui Kong Young, national ranking bantamweight contender, may have a few more good fights in his system, but January 17 wasn't one of his good nights, as he was held to an unpopular draw by inexperienced Henry Davis, in an overweight match at the Honolulu Stadium. This bout topped a show put on by Promoter Al Schaff, which grossed $11,814, and drew 5,558 customers.

Displaying none of the form and punch which carried him to the position of top bantamweight contender, Young found the going extremely tough and was lucky to get the draw verdict against 22-year-old Henry Davis, who was only fighting his tenth professional fight. One of the two judges voted for Young while the referee ruled the fight even.

Only Young's strong last-round rally and Davis' unsportsmanlike conduct throughout the fight, which could have swayed the decision of the arbiters, saved the mandarin clouter from defeat.

Young weighed 118⅞ and Henry Davis, 124¼.

Other results: Shangy Tsukano, 150, won convincingly over Andy Kim, 149¾, in the five-round semi-final. Kim went down once in the first and four times in the final round.

In another five-round bout, Williard Hanaman, 143½, beat Tony Galente, 148.

Eddie Ocasio, 145½, knocked out Joe Black, 147, in the third of a four-rounder.

Jimmy Sweatt, 145⅞, polished off Frank Lia, 144⅜, in one round.

IN FLINT, MICHIGAN
By PAUL DORAN

PROFESSIONAL boxing in Flint, Michigan, was given an additional shot in the arm recently when Benny McCombs, a Jim Murray middleweight protege and a Flint Golden Gloves graduate, scored a sensational first-round knockout over Eddie Green of Detroit, in a special match on the Jock Leslie-Benny May fight card at the I.M.A. Auditorium in 1:32 of the first round.

Equally happy over McCombs' sensational showing was Promoter Tommy Cussans, who now has three outstanding headline attractions from which to choose in lining up future cards. Foremost of his headliners is of course Jock Leslie, fifth ranking challenger for the featherweight title. Available also, as a headliner, is Flint's Lightweight Bill Eddy.

Leslie added still further to his reputation in flattening May, the courageous Montreal battler, in the third round.

Besides these two great fights, Cussans put on a supporting show that did much to add to his prestige as a matchmaker as well as a promoter. For his semi-final, he matched Eduardo Serratos, hard-hitting Mexico City featherweight, against George Adams of Chicago. This proved a toe-to-toe slugfest with Adams taking the duke by the thinnest of margins.

Eddie Garland, Flint lightweight, dropped Ted Black of Detroit, four times in taking a four-round victory. Eugene Bell, Detroit welter, outscored Joe LaScala of Flint and New York, in four, and Johnny Martin, back home from a New England campaign, pummelled Jackie Thompson, Detroit heavyweight, in a special five-round set.

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD
By RONALD H. PINHEIRO

PROMOTER FRANK MATA opened the new year with a five-bout card at the Mucurape Stadium on Thursday, 16th January, with a third fight between Gentle Daniel, light-heavyweight champion of Trinidad, and Carlos Perez, light-heavyweight champ of Central America, which ended in a 12-round draw. The card was good and the main bout was one of the best seen here for some time. Fans got their money's worth as the two boys slugged it out toe to toe for 12 torrid rounds. Daniel's points came mostly from left hooks to the body and right clouts to the head, while Perez got many points with hooks to the jaw and midsection. The decision was popular with all. Weights were: Daniel, 169½; Perez, 166.

In the semifinal Lawrence Assam, the Maraval Mauler, scored a clear point victory over Al Tunney, an old-stager, over eight rounds. The Mauler tried his best to land a kayo wallop on Tunney, but only managed to floor him for a nine count in the third with a left to the midsection, but the old-timer was game all the way. Tunney scaled 137½ and Assam 136½.

The only knockout for the night came when Ralph Garcia, Trinidad featherweight champ, scored a T.K.O. over George Pilgrim, hard-hitting southpaw, in the second round. In the first round not a blow was fired, but in the second both boys went for each other, and in 2 minutes and 25 seconds Pilgrim's seconds threw in the towel after their fighter had been floored four times. Weights were: Garcia, 129, and Pilgrim 129½.

Young Braddock, upcoming bantamweight of the Serene Camp, showed plenty of class in outpointing Al Simms, an old stager, over six rounds. Braddock's punches carried plenty of power, but lack of experience prevented him from scoring a kayo. Braddock scaled 118 and Simms 117.

In the four-round opener, Kid Geronimo, 159½, and Tiger Haynes, 156, had the crowd in stitches when they hit each other with everything but the water bucket. The decision was a draw.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

ILL luck befell the local gladiators in January. Jackie Lovatt suffered his first loss in twenty-five. Al Costa was unable to shake the Arcadia jinx. Martin Taber returned to main bouts, but a badly cut eye forced Referee Ben Maculan to halt his slugfest with Jimmy Callura. Taber had floored Callura earlier in the fight. Gene Farland, state champ, lost to fast-rising Joe Blackwood.

Callura and Blackwood have won three consecutive fights here. Both are very popular with the fistic gentry, as are all of Bill Daly's fighters.

The finest and most modern gym is located in Providence. Manny Almeida has spent five grand on his latest enterprise and our Governor, an ardent fight fan, was present at the opening ceremonies. Eddie Letourneau was the first to benefit from the gym's modern steamroom, when forced to melt off four pounds. The tough Maine slugger suffered no ill effects since a few hours later he knocked out his foe.

Lee Britto, ably guided by Muggsy Mandell, is showing improvement with each start. His latest victims are Leo LaBland, Red Perkins, by knockouts, and a romp over Leo Methot.

Dick McHale is planning on staging amateur boxing locally if he can obtain the Arcadia for Friday nights.

The Almeida Gym has encouraged many newcomers to indulge in boxing. Frankie Travis, who has been handling boxers for two decades, gives instructions graciously to all who enroll.

Carmine "Caveman" Lato is plowing through opposition. Since his discharge from the Army, where he saw plenty of action, he has scored six straight victories.

The Wills-Addison combine have Bill Truell, former New England champ, Jackie King and Mal Evans under their wing.

Johnny Terriano, hard-hitting welter, formerly of Fox Point, now residing in Cranston, has won twelve straight as a pro.

Lou Tavarres is back in training after a long rest.

Gene LeBlanc, Fall River junior welter, has returned to action and will again be handled by Frankie Hennessey. Ernie Guisti has chalked up four wins since resuming in the ring.

Jackie Lovatt, the "Rhody Rocket," established himself solidly with the local fans by avenging his only loss in a spectacular manner. The colorful perpetual motion kid punched Eddie Letourneau all over the ring before a $5400 house. The loser's long ring experience saved him from a knockout after being floored five times.

The attendance of last year in boxing increased by 50,406 and the gross gates by $83,310. This year could even be bigger for Rhody boxing as we have many outstanding local drawing cards.

Future fights that would draw: Ernie Forte vs. Bobby Zollo, Ralph Zannelli vs. Gene Farland, Jackie Weber vs. Buddy Hayes, Jackie Lovatt vs. Ernie Guisti.

Rhode Island Auditorium—Joey Angelo, 138¾, Providence, easily beat George "Dusty" Brown, 141, Philadelphia, in a ten-rounder.

Johnny Terriano, 144¾, Cranston, knocked out Johnny Parker, 142¾, Springfield, in two rounds of a scheduled eight.

Harry Hintlian, 138½, Worcester, knocked out Young Junior, 132¼, Springfield, in three.

Bobby Burton, 151½, Providence, stopped Dolly King, 144½, Springfield, in two.

Sammy Wacker, 151¼, Springfield, beat Jimmy Walters, 142½, Willimantic, in six.

At the Arcadia—Jackie Lovatt, 144½, Providence, was K.O.'ed by Eddie Letourneau, 148½, Sanford, Me., in the second round of a feature eight.

Lee Britto, 139½, East Providence, stopped Red Perkins, 135, Lynn, in the sixth of another eight.

Carmine "Caveman" Lato, 157¼, Providence, beat Mosey Conikan, 157½, Boston, in six.

Billy Truell, 146, Providence, stopped Al Spencer, 140¼, Boston, in three.

Hank Faro, 136, Fall River, beat Leo Leperle, 136½, Putnam, Conn., in four.

Jimmy Callura, 126, Hamilton, Ont., won on a T.K.O. in the seventh round over Martin Taber, 125½, East Providence, of a main ten-rounder. Referee Ben Maculan halted the proceedings due to a badly cut eye.

Lee Britto, 139¼, East Providence, beat Leo Methot, 137½, Montreal, in the eight-round semi-final.

Tony Arujo, 146½, Providence, beat George Gervin, 147¾, Montreal, in six.

Johnny DeCiantis, 169¾, Providence, beat Curtis Clements, 182, Roxbury, Mass., in six.

Don Osborne, 179½, Bristol, beat Al Tumas, 211, Boston, in four.

At the Elks' Club—Doug Carter, 144¼, Newark, beat Frankie Conti, 138½, Haverhill, Mass., in a ten-rounder.

Harry Hintlian, 138¼, Worcester, beat Pat Doyle, 140, Fall River, in the semi-final eight.

Bobby Burton, 152½, Providence, K.O.'ed Baby Joe Gans, 149½, Willimantic, in two.

Mal Evans, 125¼, Providence, K.O.'ed Leo Leperle, 133, Putnam, in one round.

At the Arcadia—Joe Blackwood, 160, Paterson, N. J., beat Gene Farland, 158, Cranston, in a ten-rounder.

Carmine "Caveman" Lato, 160, Providence, stopped Charley Sardo, 163, Revere, in five.

Jerry Levigne, 120¾, Montreal, beat Ray Dulmaine, 123, Worcester, in six.

Benny "Crusher" Colardo, 141, Providence, K.O.'ed Matty Robinson, 148½, Boston, in 35 seconds of a six-rounder.

Jackie Lovatt, 145½, drubbed Eddie Letourneau, 146½, Sanford, Me., in a feature eight.

Lee Britto, 139¼, East Providence, lost on a T.K.O. to Joey Polowitzer, 137¾, Hartford, in the sixth of a scheduled eight. Benny "Crusher" Colardo, 140½, Providence, K.O.'ed Frankie Balaisano, 141, in two of a six-rounder. Ray Dulmaine, 123¼, Worcester, edged Jerry Levigne, 119¾, Montreal, in another six. John Botty, 150, Fall River, beat Fred Veratti, 154, Johnston, in a rip-roaring four-rounder.

Joe Blackwood, 160½, Paterson, stopped Al Costa, 153¾, Woonsocket, in three rounds of a scheduled ten-rounder. Lee Britto, 137½, East Providence, stopped Leo LeBland, 137¼, Lisbon, Me., in four in the semi-final eight. Jerry Levigne, 123½, Montreal, stopped Kennie Bruce, 127, Woonsocket, in two. Pat Doyle, 146½, Fall River, beat Jackie King, 142¼, Providence, in six.

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WESTERN NEW ENGLAND

By GEORGE ROSS

A NEW boxing gym opened in Springfield, Mass., with James Jenkins proprietor. He has Chris Corbett, a former middleweight boxer, managing this fine training spot.

On January 6 at the Valley Arena, Holyoke, Young Cooper lost to Jimmy Finley in four rounds. Chris O'Leary lost by a T.K.O. to Ray Williams in the third. Winston Corbett K.O.'ed Sonny Giles in the first. Emil Evans lost to Jimmy McCrowford in six. Nava Esparza won from Joey Peralta in ten.

On January 20 Jack Johnson K.O.'ed Pete Boulais in the third. Jerry Darby won over Ray Williams in a six. George Smith won over Emil Evans in a six, and Julio Jiminez stopped George Dusty Brown in four rounds.

On January 27, Jimmy Reidy won over Carlo Daponde in four. Johnny Woods K.O.'ed Leon Sawyer in the first round. Gene Gomez, Boston, Mass., K.O.'ed Johnny Pavia in three. Manuel Zurita, Mexico, won over Mickey McGuire of Boston, Mass., in six. Omelio Agramonte, Cuba, won over Jimmy Hooper in ten rounds.

On February 3, Pep McNine won over Sammy Walker in four. Earl Beale lost to George Cherbin in six. Ike Wilson K.O.'ed Jack Hawks in the sixth. Johnny Pretzie K.O.'ed Bobby Thomas in the sixth. George La Rover won over Dave Andrews in ten rounds.

The writer has taken over Jimmy Reidy, a good looking lightweight, a white boy out of Palmer, Mass. Jimmy won his first bout under his new manager at Holyoke.

Jack O'Brien is the promoter at Burlington, Vt. Letters addressed to 199 King St., will be appreciated.

VANCOUVER NEWS

By CHESTER NORTON

PHIL PALMER opened the 1947 boxing season with a good win over Lou Bell of San Francisco, in a ten-round bout at the Exhibition Gardens. It was a rough, tough, infighting duel as are the majority of Palmer's bouts and was fairly close.

Billy Townsend put on his usual fight night appearance in the semi-windup and after 2:25 of fighting, Speedy Cannon (later proven to be a Negro boxer named Percy Butler) was deposited on the canvas by a right uppercut to the midsection. There was one other knockdown in the round.

A six-round special event also ended in a knockout when Buddy Hoffman of Seattle, flattened Gordy McCrindle of Vancouver, in 1:05 of the fifth round.

Bunty Andrews turned the tables on a former conqueror by defeating Al Selby of Seattle in a four-round bout. The opener brought together two Vancouver boys and Jack Culley, in his first pro fight, defeated Kid Wolfe, a much more experienced foeman.

On January 16 Kenny Lindsay, popular Vancouver bantamweight, was held to a draw by Joey Clemo in Portland. It was a very speedy and closely contested battle all the way. In the semi-final spot Hal Robbins defeated Al Davis over the six-round route.

On January 17 another Vancouver bantamweight ventured over the border and was subjected to almost complete annihilation. Jackie Turner was belted out in three heats by Luis Castillo in a bout at San Jose, Calif. Turner was dropped to the canvas four times in the final round when the referee stopped the unequal contest.

The usual fine standard of Gene Mason's boxing cards was lacking on January 27, although Kenny Lindsay and George Freitas of Santa Clara, Calif., put on an interesting scrap. It was, however, an open and shut case because Lindsay was far too fast for his harder hitting opponent.

The venerable Tiger Jack Fox filled in for the suspended Billy Townsend against Jack Flood and clowned his way through a practically "no contest" bout which the referee stopped at 1:55 of the third round after the second knockdown.

Welterweight Skinny Roberts disposed of another of the clowning type when he won a six-round decision over Rocky Sullivan.

Vancouver's hard-hitting bantamweight, Stan Almond, scored a K.O. victory over Spider Archer. The time was 10 seconds of the second round.

Bunty Andrews caught a tartar in Buddy Washington and managed to emerge from the contest with a draw in four rounds.

FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO

By ED HACKLEY

THE month of January had two topnotch shows for Toledo fans, both of which drew good houses. The first was an all-star card of eight-rounders, presented by the Shea brothers, topped by a McClellan-Bohles setto, which was one of the best bouts ever seen here. Lee Bohles, Cleveland youngster, almost succeeded in breaking Jimmy McClellan's winning streak. McClellan dropped Bohles for the count of nine in the opening stanza and Bohles barely weathered the round.

Perry Mason gave twelve pounds to Russ Baxter, Youngstown, in another eight, and won going away. Mason was dropped by a low blow in the third. Mason showed flashes of the form that made him a real threat last winter.

Frankie Gerrard, 124, did not fare so well in his joust with George Adams, clever Chicagoan. Gerrard is one of those boys with a heart and a wallop, but it isn't quite good enough when he encounters a finished ringman.

Willie Anderson, 124, Detroit, won from Georgie Carbetta of Mansfield in an interesting eight.

The month's second offering was topped by another rematch of McClellan and Eddie Serratos, tough Mexican from Detroit. Although Serratos tried hard, and displayed great strength and gameness, he did not come as close to beating Jimmy as he had in two other starts.

Jimmy walked off with a lopsided contest, dropping his tough foe for a nine-count in the third. The supporting card was good and uncovered a new Toledo prospect in Bobby Burns, former Golden Gloves champion from Ft. Wayne. Perry Mason flashed championship form in beating Al Sayre, rough, tough, Columbus middleweight. Perry Mason is main-event calibre, and with a badly bruised hand as a handicap, showed that Sayre, a tough and capable fighter, did not belong in the same league with him.

Willie Anderson eked out a win over Carlos Manzano, a tough, aggressive Mexican, in another eight. In fours, Bobby Burns, 155, stopped Marty Marlin, Detroit, in the first, and Shamus McCrae, 144, fighting out of Toledo, won over Eddie Lascara in a bristling four.

ARKANSAS AND OKLAHOMA FLASHES

By CLYDE SMITH

AT Shreveport—Shreveport cannot build up the game with such fights as Lou Flyer and Howell Steen, put on. The preliminaries were also far from good.

Howell Steen, 156, of Dallas, Texas, kayoed Lou Flyer, 144, Dallas, in six.

Jerry Sargent, Tallulah, La., knocked out Grady Flynn, 160, of Natchitoches, La. (3). Ted Robinson, Natchez, La., lightweight, decisioned Cline Ellidge, of Tallulah, La. Jimmy Reed, Barksdale Field middleweight, knocked out Zeke Allan, of Winnfields, La. (1).

Lefty Griffith, Barksdale Field, knocked out Louis Hillman, 142, of Alexandria, La. (1).

Jimmy Holmes, heavyweight from Alexandria, won over Jimmy Conn (6).

It pays to advertise: I put a little ad in my column for someone who would like to promote boxing in the state of Oklahoma. I had several letters asking me for more information. So it looks as if some cities in Oklahoma will have pro boxing in the near future.

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SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. JIMMIE AMANN

WHILE Cincinnati has been lying idle with boxing, Dayton, Ohio, has steamed forward with the development of Lee Hammond's crack middleweight mitt tosser—Eddie Miller. Miller scored a ten-round victory over Bobby Britton of Miami, Fla., on January 27.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS—The Ring is a hot seller at all of the fight clubs in southern Ohio. . . . Joe Basco's son, Joe. Jr., is doing a great job with the group of boys he is showing down in South Africa. . . . in our books Miguel Acevedo, Cuban featherweight under the management of Louis Godoy, is one of the best 126 pounders in the business and will take the fight if and when Willie Pep, the champion, goes through with their signed match in Havana. . . . Franky Canzoneri, New York fight pilot, is back in the fight photo, with a heavyweight from the South under his wing. . . . Homer Amundsen's good looking kid heavyweight, Dave Davey, looks like the real goods. . . . My fight flash service at one dollar per year is going very good and those interested can contact this writer at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio. . . . This address also available for unattached fighters of all weights and managers of good fighters who want local and national booking contacts. . . . George Nichols, local promoter has been confining his time to managing of fighters and operating the gym at 15th and Vine. . . . Lee Sala, Pennsy middle, is going great guns around Florida. . . . and in parting, get your copy of The Ring early.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

REGARDLESS of snowstorms and several other forms of freak weather the boxing sport is doing right well in the above three states.

Des Moines, Ia.—Approximately 4000 fans turned out to see Abel Cextac, 219, Des Moines, knock out Harry Patterson, 199¼, in 59 seconds of the second round. Tex Bodie, 199, Omaha, Neb., knocked out Clarence Jones, 191, of Buffalo, N. Y., in 1:19 of the sixth round. Billy Cornwall, 129¾, Des Moines, decisioned Del Cockayne, 124½, also of Des Moines, in six rounds. Diego Hidalgo, 140, Des Moines, knocked out Speedy Moore, 138, of Omaha, in 1:10 of the second round. Kenny Mayberry, Des Moines, won over Sonny Washington, also of Des Moines, in a special three-round opener.

Macy, Neb.—A large crowd of fans turned out to see the Macy Indian amateur boxing team defeated by the Wayne State Teachers' College boxing team.

Vermillion, S. D.—In an all-star boxing card presented here under the direction of Jerry Limoges, Glen Talley, 160, Elk Point, took a decision over Floyd Heaton, 160, South Sioux City, in the feature bout. Jerry Limoges, 163, Elk Point, the Coyotes' boxing coach, put on a no-decision exhibition with Bill Spitzenberger, 163, Bonesteel.

Our ace reporter, Floyd Hayes of Omaha, Neb., is on hand with several pages of interesting boxing news and results from the port of Omaha, which by the way, is one of the leading professional boxing centers in the middle-west. Boxers going and coming from the coast would do well to stop off in Omaha. Here is his report:

At Omaha, Vince Foster, the Omaha junior welterweight, who has been fighting professionally for less than a year, was paired against Wally Holm, 140, Minneapolis, in the main event of Max Clayton's semi-monthly boxing show at the City Auditorium. Fistic fans to the number of 1842, saw Foster kayo Holm with a left hook to the tummy in the fourth round. It was Foster's eleventh consecutive win since joining the punch-for-pay boys and his second appearance as a main eventer.

The fans let out a chuckle when Kid Riveria, 235, St. Louis, entered the ring to meet Bob Nora, 180, Omaha, in the semi-windup. Riveria was garbed in baseball socks, a purple robe and a baseball cap. Nora hit the deck twice in the initial round as Riveria opened up with a barrage of rights and lefts, and up until the time that Nora's handlers kept him on the stool when the bell tolled for the fourth round, he had hit the deck for a total of six times and was bleeding badly from a lip cut from the nose downward.

In the six-round special event, Melvin Brown, 160, St. Paul, gave Mike Sofka, 160½, Gary, Ind., a boxing lesson and took the decision.

In the preliminaries: Manager Yano DiGiacomo saw his new addition to his stable, Jimmy Griffin, 142, Omaha, win his second pro bout in as many starts in an Omaha ring. He took a four-round decision from Bob Rushing, 137, Omaha, former Mid-West A.A.U. Golden Gloves lightweight champ. Griffin floored Rushing a dozen times. Both fighters welcomed the final bell with bloodied noses.

Harry Schenski, 140, St. Louis, took a four-round decision over Speedy Moore, 140½, Omaha. Schenski just toyed with the Omaha clown.

Billy Cornwall, 130, Des Moines, won a four-round decision over Harry Mills, 133½, Chicago. Mills dropped Cornwall to the canvas for an eight-count in the initial round, but Cornwall came up swinging and led throughout the fight to take the crowd-pleasing four-rounder.

Alex Fidler, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, refereed all of the bouts. The gate drew $3401.75.

At Omaha—In spite of cold weather 3100 fans paid $8604.75 and packed into Omaha's old auditorium to see Tony Zale, the king of the middleweights, take a freak knockout over Deacon Logan, 164, St. Louis. Logan was fighting Zale in a defensive manner, staying in close and giving the fans a good fight for their money and as early as round three Zale decided to give up the idea of trying to find the dusky warrior's jaw and went to work on the body. He had slowed Logan down in the fifth round and then in 1:57 of the sixth came the mishap that gave the champion the knockout.

Zale had put everything into a punch that would have been the lullaby lane for Logan had it landed, but Logan evaded the punch and hung on. Zale whirled him around in mid-ring and Logan landed upon an outstretched right arm. Ringside fans heard the crack and knew that the fight was over. Logan had dislocated his right shoulder.

Until this there had been no knockdowns, but it was a rugged bout throughout. Zale weighed in at 162½.

Kid Riveria, 226, St. Louis, scored a technical knockout over Al Spaulding, 184, Beaumont, Texas, in the fourth round. Riveria had pounded Spaulding to the canvas seven times before scoring the T.K.O. Spaulding didn't come out for round four because of a broken jaw. This was the scheduled six-round semi-windup.

In the special event, Billy Cornwall, 131½, Des Moines, drew in six rounds with Ted (Mustang) Garcia, 134, Sante Fe, N. M. This was the best fight on the card and the fans let their boos echo through the rafters when Referee Alex Fidler called it a draw. They thought Cornwall had won.

Jimmy Bull, 157, St. Louis, scored a technical knockout over Maxwell Butcher, 165, Omaha, in 1:07 of the first round. The referee stopped the uneven scrap. Nick Saunders, 119½, St. Louis, scored a technical knockout over Paul Martinez, 123, Omaha, when Martinez was unable to come out for round three because of a badly cut eye. Rata Sota, 111, Juarez, Mex., won a four-round decision over Baby Gallo, 110, Wichita, Kas.

Mitchell, S. D.—Amateur boxers from Mitchell, winner, and Chamberlain, monopolized places in the final round of the Mitchell sectional Gloden Gloves tournament.

Madison, S. D.—Four knockouts featured the boxing card here, which showed some of the best amateurs in this section. Barnes of Huron, fighting in the 127-pound class, scored the fastest "chill" of the program with a first-round flattening of Ross of Flandreau.

Sioux City, Ia.—Jessie Jackson, 150, Sioux City, won a two-round kayo by the T.K.O. route over Art Lambert, 147, of Duluth, Minn., at St. Paul, Minn. Clayton Johnson, highly rated Sioux City featherweight, received a setback when he lost by a T.K.O. to Glen Flanagan of St. Paul on the same card.

Sioux City, Ia.—A seven-man athletic commission was named at a meeting of Epiphany Council 743, Knights of Columbus. Members are Ed Stevens, Wilfred Jolin, Rev. George G. M. Cesna, Ed Bidwell, Lawrence Schneiders, Ben Sitzman and Maurice Solomon.

Mr. Stevens was named chairman; Mr. Jolin, vice-chairman; Rev. Father Cesna, secretary, and Mr. Bidwell, treasurer. The others are trustees.

Mitchell, S. D.—Boxers from Chamberlain took off with three crowns in the Golden Gloves sectional tournament finals. Dominiak, flyweight; Guble, light-heavy, and Cadwell, middleweight, did the honors for Mitchell, the latter two by technical knockouts, both in the second round.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—A record crowd turned out to see Baby-Face Al Meier of Cedar Rapids retain the Iowa amateur bantamweight title here when he scored over Buddy Boyle, also of Cedar Rapids. Meier's heavy rights to Boyle's midriff took the steam off of the contender after a fast start in the opening round.

Sioux City, Ia.—Another effort to bring professional boxing back to Sioux City will be put forth with the announcement by Bob Morley, president of Sioux Sports Enterprises, that his organization has a lease on a plot of ground where a park will be built, with a working agreement between his organization and the Sioux City baseball club.

Morney said his organizations holds five-year lease for the land from the Boston Investment Co., whose agent in Sioux City is Frank Montgomery, superintendent of streets.

Des Moines, Ia.—Eight champions were crowned in the sectional Golden Gloves finals before 2000 fans at the Coliseum here.

The results—112-pound class, semi-final round: Johnny Revas (Des Moines) won from Thomas Corea (Panama) by forfeit. Bill Mason (Des Moines) won from Richard Davis (Des Moines) by forfeit.

Denison, Ia.—Two clean knockouts and a T.K.O. highlighted the Denison sectional Golden Gloves tournament here. The six glovers winning berths on Denison's team for Sioux City competition were Billy Riley, Woodbine; Marvin Nordhorst; Willis Lohmier and Charles Schmann, Manning; Verdan Goettsch, Kiron, and Roland Talcott, Beloit.

Due to the tremendous volume of work in connection with the *Mid-West Boxing Annual* and our inability to complete the issue on the date we had hoped for, we are forced to extend the closing date until May 1. Readers are urged to get their publicity matter into our hands just as soon as possible, and mail to 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Ia. News for this column must be in our hands by the 6th of each month. Every month we repeat this, and always at the last minute we are swamped with news. The result is we must cut some of it out. Your help will be appreciated.

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COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By MARK FANNON

ATHOL, MASS.—Edgar Gallant, 130, Gardner, kayoed Chuck Jackson, 128, Manchester, N. H., 5; Tommy Mack, 145, Springfield, kayoed Frankie Young, 147, Boston, 6.

Worcester, Mass.—Bobby Zollo, 149, Providence, kayoed Ernie "Cat" Robinson, 146, Brooklyn, 5; Emil Evans, 156, Westover Field, outpointed Al Pinel, 156, New Bedford, Mass., 6; Tommy Reardon, 141, Brockton, outpointed Jimmy Walters, 145, Willimantic, Conn., 6.

Rockland, Maine—Hermie Freeman, Bangor, Me., outpointed Al Michaud, Lisbon, Me., welterweights, 8.

Boston, Mass.—Leo Sawicki, 148, Worcester, stopped Rudy Campa, 148½, Los Angeles, 5; Jackie Harris, 127, Malden, won over Joey Dell, 128½, New Haven, 10; Buddy Brown, 156½, Boston, halted Bobby Ross, 160, Boston, 3; Frankie Waters, 129, Boston, outboxed Henry "Kid" Briere, 131, Putnam, Conn., 6; Leon Hutson, 125, Cambridge, stopped Joe Palaza, 130, Boston, 2.

Saco, Maine—Bill Tordiglione, 147, Boston, outpointed Eddie Letourneau, 148, Sanford, Me., 8; Al Taylor, 156, Portland, outpointed Phil Roderique, 154, Lewiston.

Lewiston, Maine—"Lefty" LaChance, 134, Lisbon, Me., kayoed Marty Pemba, 136½, Boston, 6; Ivan Jones, 130, Portland, outpointed Jimmy Pickney, 132, Boston, 6.
Sanford, Maine—Bobby Welch, 135, Boston, kayoed Tony Prince, 142, Lewiston, 5.

Salem, Mass.—Max Perez, 135, Paris, France, outpointed Walter "Cabey" Lewis, 135, Brooklyn, 10; Tony Campo, 136, Boston, kayoed Leo Bouillard, 132, Lowell, Mass., 3; Johnny Lawler, 164, Boston, kayoed Kid Chocolate, 155, Havana, 2.

Portland, Maine—Hermie Freeman, 139½, Bangor, outpointed Maurice Beauchene, 143, Brunswick, Me., 10, to retain his Maine welterweight championship; Mike Cassidy, 167, Chatham, N. B., kayoed Eddie Turner, 170, Bangor, 3.

Bangor, Me.—Frank Burley, 160, Dover, N. H., outfought Clint Perry, 160, Marston Mills, Mass.; Isaacs Thomas, 130, Bangor, T.K.O.'ed Chuck Jackson, 128, Manchester, 2.

Fall River—Leo Macucci, 131, Portland, Maine, outpointed Manny Camara (Jimmy McLarnin), 135, New Bedford, 10; Ernie Guisti, 140, West Warwick, stopped Dick Mayo, 139, Lowell, 2.

Rumford, Maine—Dom Sinibaldi, 147, Berlin, N. H., kayoed Johnny Thomas, 149, Portland, 3.

Worcester—"Ace" McCloskey, 156, New Glasgow, and Billy Henderson, 160, Hackensack, N. J., draw, 10; Edgar Galland, 129, Gardner, stopped Ivan Jones, 126, Portland, 4; Moses Gunikin, 157, Boston, outpointed Emil Evans, 156, Westover Field, 6.

Boston—Tommy "Red" Wells, 134, Manchester, N. H., stopped Jackie Harris, 128, Malden, 9; Jackie Lovatt, 142, Providence, kayoed Bobby Pooler, 138, Portland, 1; Larry Villeneuve, 155, Providence, outpointed Chet Ross, 159, Beverly, 6; Tommy Reardon, 141, Brockton, kayoed Walter Gomes, 141, New Bedford, 4; Johnny Lawler, 175½, Boston, kayoed Mike Gagne, 180, Spencer, 2; Goody Peters, 147, Brockton, stopped Leon Savageau, 146½, Worcester.

Lewiston, Me.—Jorge Sanchez, 121½, New York, outpointed Ralph McNeil, 118¼, Springfield, 10; Kid Victory, 146, Berlin, outpointed Eddie Butts, 147, Portland, 4.

Sanford, Me.—Steve Bell (Al Spencer), 144, Boston, stopped Eddie Letourneau, Sanford, 5; Al Taylor, 153, Portland, kayoed Johnny Green, 158, Rochester, N. H., 5.

Fitchburg, Mass.—Roy Andrews, 135, Lowell, halted Henry Polowitzer, 140, Hartford, 9; Jackie Collins, 158, Boston, outpointed Jimmy Pettie, 156, Woburn, 6; Doc Blanchard, 127, Cambridge, stopped Johnny O'Keefe, 125, Haverhill, 1.

Salem, Mass.—Oliver Desmarais, 135½, Manchester, N. H., outpointed Tommy Greb, 135½, Boston, 10; Tony Campo, 138½, Boston, outpointed Carter Holmes, 142, Boston, 6.

Rockland, Me.—Jackie Fisher, Waterville heavyweight, kayoed Curtis Clemmons, Boston, 4.

Portland, Me.—Blackie Noel, 145, Montreal, outpointed Eddie Moniz, 145, Fall River, 10; Edgar Perrault, 131, Berlin, N. H., stopped Willie Leo, 131, Portland, 1.

Fall River—Bobby English, 128, Fall River, and Jimmy Callura, 126, Hamilton, Ontario, battled to a draw, 10; Ernie Guisti, 139, West Warwick, kayoed Oscar St. Pierre, 150, Fall River, 2; Pat Doyle, 143, Fall River, outpointed Jimmy Alexander, 146, Paterson, N. J., 6; Johnny DiCiantis, 169, Providence, kayoed Mike Gagne, 175, Spencer, 2.

Framingham, Mass.—Ike Stevenson, 150, Framingham, outpointed Al Pinel, 155, New Bedford, 10; Goody Peters, 147, Brockton, outpointed Sammy White, 147, Boston (6); Walter Morris, 125, Natick, outpointed Tony Roche, 127, Boston (4).

Burlington, Vt.—Buster Beaupre, 142½, Burlington, and Bill Daley, 147, Brookline, Mass., draw (10); Sparly Bessette, 169, Burlington, outpointed Barney Hardfill, 166, Montreal (6); Bobby Lacasse, 133, Wilston, Vt., and Ted Fiore, 134, Montreal, drew (6).

Boston—Tommy Sullivan, 172½, South Boston, stopped Eddie Boden, 172½, South Boston (4); Roy Andrews, 130, Lowell, Mass., outpointed Billy Alexander, 133, New York (6); Tommy Collins, 121, Boston, kayoed Billy Mays, 126, Roxbury (2); Jackie Biddle, 158, New Haven, kayoed Buddy Brown, 155, Boston (1); Mickey Maguire, 124, Roxbury, kayoed Frankie Martin, 124, Boston (4); Pat Shannon, 140, Everett, outpointed Jimmy Vincent, 140, Lowell, Mass. (6); Frank DeSisto, 136, Boston, outpointed Leon Jackson, 136, Cambridge (4).

Worcester — Bobby Zollo, 149, Providence, stopped Jimmy Sauer, 152, Cambridge (7); Tony Gillo, 181, New Haven, halted Sam Shumway, 179, Webster (6); Johnny Murphy, 156, Worcester, and Al Barbosa, 154, North Carver, draw (6); Tom McClosky, 147, Nova Scotia, stopped Jimmy Garcia, 141, New Haven (1).

Athol, Mass.—Johnny Priest, 135, Cambridge, outpointed Johnny Parker, 140, Springfield (8); Sammy Walker, 146, Springfield, and Billy Napper, 143, Boston, draw (6).

South Berwick, Me.—Frankie Burley, 158, Dover, N. H., outpointed Heyward Warner, 154, Boston (6).

Boston—"Buddy" Hayes, 128½, Boston, kayoed Jack "Spider" Armstrong, 130½, Toronto (2); Young Junior, 132, Springfield, outpointed Blond Tiger, 129, Lowell (6); Leon Hutson, 122, Cambridge, outpointed Allie Weber, 124, Pawtucket, R. I. (6); Tommy Reardon, 146, Brockton, stopped Sammy Walker, 148, Springfield (4); Tom McCloskey, 146, Nova Scotia, outpointed Goody Peters, 147, Brockton (4); Johnny Lawler, 172, Roxbury, kayoed Maurice Belanger, 172, Fall River (2).

Saco, Me.—Billy Lancaster, 149, Portland, Me., and Bill Tordiglione, 148, Boston, draw (8); Jimmy Dinardo, 146, Berlin, N. H. outpointed Jimmy Cook, 144, Portland (6).

Lewiston, Me.—Hermie Freeman, 140, Bangor, kayoed Al Michaud, 145, Lisbon, Me., (8); Ted Bressley, 152½, Portland, outpointed Norman Bennett, 148½, Auburn, Me. (6).

Fitchburg, Mass.—Howard Thompson, 201, Saugus, outpointed Ernie Griffin, 176, Hartford (10); Doc Blanchard, 126, Cambridge, stopped Frankie Martin, 126, Boston (2).

Sanford, Me.—Tony Prince, 134, Sherbrooke, Que., outpointed Buddy Labbe, 134, Lisbon, Me. (6).

Salem, Mass.—Max Perez, 134, Paris, outpointed Leo Mucucci, 130, Portland (10); Buddy Brown, 158, Boston, outpointed Chet Ross, 161, Beverly (6).

Bangor, Me.—Frankie Burley, 160, Dover, N. H., stopped Johnny Jones, 163, Revere (8); Isaacs Thomas, 132, Bangor, kayoed Sammy Hopkins, 136, Boston (1).

Portland, Me.—Charlie Babcock, 179, Bangor, kayoed Billy Shaw, 183, Montreal (1); Al Couture, 145½, Lewiston, kayoed Al Spencer, 142½, San Francisco (3).

Fall River—Eddie Moniz, 145, rising Fall River welter, easily won over Jasper O'Hanley, 141, Montreal (10); Benny Delgado, 143, Providence, won over Freddy Polowitzer, 135, Hartford (8).

Barre, Vt.—Buster Beaupre, 143, Burlington, and Billy Napper, 141, Boston, battled to a ten-round draw; Vic Cool, 147, Montreal, and K. O. LaTasse, 146, Burlington, fought to a six round draw.

Worcester—Al Costa, 153, Woonsocket, R. I., decisively outpointed Leo Sawicki, 148, Worcester (10); Eddie Gallant, 132, Gardner, won over Henry Kid Briere, 130, Putnam, Conn. (8).

Rumford, Me.—Lloyd Hudson, 135, Bath, outpointed Johnny Bouffard, 130, Quebec (8); Art Gallant, 146, Portland, outpointed Buster Stewart, 141, Dixfield (8).

Rockland, Me.—Ivan Jones, 122, Portland, won the featherweight championship of Maine by decisioning Paul Herrick, 124, Portland, in 10.

Lewiston, Me.—Al Couture, 148, Lewiston, knocked out Young Tiger Flowers, 146, Worcester (5).

Salem—Oliver Desmarais, 133, Manchester, outpointed Frankie Carson, 128, Newark (10); Tony Campo, 137, Boston, outpointed Billy Murray, 132, Boston (6).

Fitchburg—Johnny Priest, 136, Cambridge, outpointed Joey Polowitzer, 137, Hartford (10); Tom Collins, 120, Boston, kayoed Tony Roche, 122, Boston (2).

Portland, Me.—Tommy Reardon, 140, Brockton, outpointed Johnny Best, 136, Montreal (10).

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ADDITIONAL HAWAIIAN NEWS
By TED YAMACHIKA

ROBERT TAKESHITA, 1946 national AAU welterweight champion, is about ready for the big time in the professional game. He proved it on the night of January 21, at the Civic Auditorium before 5,732 fans when he T.K.O.'ed highly-rated Billy James, another former amateur, in a junior welterweight bout in 1:50 of the tenth round. The bout was promoted by Leo Leavitt and grossed a high of $11,899.25.

Out of a dozen bouts, since he started boxing professionally less than a year ago, Robert Takeshita has scored eleven kayoes and has yet to be defeated. Picked as the outstanding fighter developed in the Islands in 1946, Takeshita has improved tremendously with each fight and a bright future is predicted for him. Later this year he is expected to invade New York with Chico Rosa, another promising Island prospect. He will be accompanied by his manager, Sad Sam Ichinose.

Coming back to the Takeshita-James affair, the fight turned out into a one-sided affair with Takeshita taking nearly every round by wide margins. Time and again Takeshita jolted James with sharp rights and lefts to the head.

By the 10th round James had taken a terrific beating and when the bout was stopped in this round, although there was only about a minute left to go, there was no protest from the fans who had seen a game gladiator beaten by a better man and did not want to see him punished further.

Other results: In a five-round bout Manuel Anduha, 132, took a close one over Johnny Torres, 134, in a hard slugging brawl.

Johnny Perry, 121, decisioned Hideo Tengan, 125¾, in 5.

Marino Tiwanak, 120, had no trouble winning over Kid Waialua, 118, in 4.

In a four-round bout George Tanabe, 144½, beat Eddie Salazar, 140¾.

"FROM DOWN UNDER"
By VINCENT C. DAVIS

AUSTRALIA—The new year finds Australia at a critical stage in boxing. Our national champions such as Dave Sands (middleweight), Vic Patrick (lightweight), and Eddie Miller (featherweight), are about to be tested by overseas boxers.

With another twelve months of sifting the title positions should be fairly clear-cut. It is probable that youngsters like Mickey Tollis (lightweight), and Ken Bailey (welterweight), will make forward moves in their respective divisions during the coming year.

Bailey is going to the country for some months to harden himself up with axework. So his name will be absent from bouts for the first part of the year.

First 12-round fights of the year were—Melbourne: Jack Wilson, 163½, stopped Young Frisco, 165, in five rounds; Leo Barry, 132½, drew with Les McDonald, 130¾. Newcastle: George Sands, 145, K.O.'ed George Delaney, 147, in eight rounds. Sydney: Joe Grant, 146, stopped Mick Dawes, 144, in seven; Roy Treasure, 134½, decisioned Les Fuller, 142.

Controversy has raged through the papers here since British lightweight champion, Ronnie James, innocently remarked that Australian boxers he had seen were good tough fighters, but lacked the finesse and science of the best British boxers. Some got hot under the collar and rushed into print with verbal brickbats for James. Others stood up for the British champion.

James' remarks were taken too seriously. He has not seen the best boxers of this country and stated so before he made his remarks. Vic Patrick, Eddie Miller, Dave Sands, Jack Johnson, Alf Gallagher, Ken Bailey, Mickey Tollis, Kid Young, Jack Marr and other lesser luminaries have not performed before the discerning James' eye.

However, the champion's remarks have given scope to those who have felt that Australian boxing needed a few injections. Old-timers, whose voices croak with pride as they boast of 40 years' boxing experience, will huddle you into a corner and tell you that James showed, in four rounds before Tommy Burns fouled him, more boxing ability than has been seen in these parts since Nel Tarleton graced our harbour city.

Fighting at 145¾, James got the only possible decision when Burns (147) hit him impetuously with a right when James was down on one knee in the fourth round of their bout in Sydney.

Results of recent fights—Melbourne: Bernie Grant, 122¼, decisioned Ellie Bennett, 120; Johnny Shaw, 136½, stopped Art Davis, 140, in the seventh. Newcastle: Doc Wallace, 124, kayoed Garney Allen, 125, in three; George Kapeen, 132, stopped Bill Foley, 137, in 11. Brisbane: George Allen, 165½, kayoed Max Cameron, 169, in ten rounds.

Leichhardt (Sydney): Ted Sprouster, 126, drew with Ray Coleman, 122; Frank Donnelly, 134, kayoed Jack Hiles, 132, in three.

With Al Moran, 149, two pounds over the welterweight limit, Sel Hamilton, 142, was none-the-less the master throughout their 12-round bout in Melbourne, winning on points.

In Brisbane, Laurie Petersen, 154, knocked out Jimmy Fraser, 141¼, in three rounds after he had given Fraser a torrid time. Down for nine from Petersen's left hook in the first session, Fraser was on the floor again when the bell saved him. Surviving the second round, Fraser met his nemesis in the shape of a punch from either hand and it was a case of ring down the curtains.

In Sydney, Charlie Ashenden, 139, knocked out Roy Treasure, 132, in six rounds.

At Perth—Don Luff, 150, won on a technical knockout from Joe Celeste, 145½, in five rounds.

At Sydney—Leichhardt—Jimmy Hogg, 111, decisioned Rip Bunker, 110, in 12.

At Newcastle—Red Lobley, 134, decisioned Jackie Wilson, 126, in 12.

Though beaten on points, Clint Miller, American featherweight, campaigning under the management of Freddie Red Cochrane, former world welterweight champion, made an excellent impression in his first appearance in an Australian ring. Miller was outpointed in twelve rounds by Billy Alexander in Melbourne, but he made the local favorite step along at a fast pace all the way.

With victory apparently sewed up, twenty-year-old Mickey Tollis, one of Australia's top lightweights, was disqualified in the ninth round of his bout with Alby McCarthy in Sydney when he threw his opponent to the canvas.

In Brisbane, a former prisoner of war of the Japs in Malaya, an ex-soldier of the Australian Army, Alf Wells, showed courage and staying powers in winning a twelve-round decision from hard-hitting Clem Sands, welterweight brother of Dave Sands. Nearly knocked out in the fourth, Wells came back with a brilliant exhibition to win clearly.

Other recent bouts resulted in an eleven-round knockout for Fred Sprouster, veteran featherweight, over Doc Wallace in Leichhardt, and a twelve-round draw between Alby Bargo and Mickey Anzelzark, feathers, in Newcastle.

FIGHTS IN PHOENIX
By LARRY JONAS

ACTIVITY on the local fight scene is once again in evidence after a pugilistic layoff dating back to the early days of last summer. The scene of activity has shifted from Madison Square Garden to Canvas Castle, a tented arena situated just outside the city limits of Phoenix. The new promoter is Al Satterstrom. His ability and integrity are unquestioned, and if given half a chance, he should pull local boxing out of the morass which has buried the sport for so many months.

The opening card in the 2100-seater Canvas Castle featured Francisco De La Cruz against Frankie Estrada, who uses the nom de guerre of Mexican Tony Galento. Frankie entered the ring packing 240 pounds and a lighted cigar, on which he puffed away intently. He looked the part of the New Jersey barkeep, all right, but unfortunately Frankie couldn't duplicate Tony's ability to sample a punch. One solid hook from De La Cruz and it was all over. The lights went out for Estrada in 2:10.

The semi-final affair showed to better advantage. The eight-rounder was a nip-and-tuck battle between lightweights Billy Hale and Folly Villegas. Hale was the aggressor all the way, but Villegas slugged it out with him to the finish. There were some squawks registered from the crowd when Referee Cowboy Doug Smith raised Hale's hand at the finish, but the verdict was a fair one.

Charlie Salas, 145, had an easy time of it in his six-round contest with Jack Evans, 143. In the preliminaries, Mike De La Rosa, 128, decisioned Billy Sparks, 128, and Billy Shelton scored a T.K.O. in the third over Ray Aragon. Both scaled 138.

What shaped up on paper as being one of the best local scraps in years turned out to be a complete fizzle. The contest was the long awaited fight between Kid Hermosillo and Frankie Serna, two hard-hitting battlers who chalked up decisive victories in all their Phoenix fights. The Kid, however, upset the dope completely. He outboxed and outfought Serna in every round by a wide margin. By the end of the sixth round Serna's face was a bloody smear and he was plainly in no condition to continue.

Referee George Gould promptly called a halt and there wasn't a dissenting voice in the crowd. Serna weighed 156 to 164 for Hermosillo. Hermosillo has now won six consecutive fights here and has established himself as the biggest draw in Phoenix.

In the semi-final, Charlie Salas turned in the best fight in his local career by stopping Billy Hale in the second round. Hale weighed 133 with Salas scaling 143.

The preliminary events all ended in knockouts. Tony Martin, 205, scored a T.K.O. over Archie Brown, 190, in the fourth. Carl Mays, 158, registered a T.K.O. over Frankie Kruski, 155, in the fourth after sending him to the canvas three times. Billy Sparks, 133, T.K.O.'ed Pike Page, 136, in the second round of the four-round curtain raiser.

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

JOCK LESLIE, Flint, Mich., eliminated Mimmie Adragna, Pittsburgh, Pa., from the top flight of the featherweight division by winning their ten-rounder staged by Promoter Louis Messina at the Coliseum Arena, on January 27. Over 1000 fans were turned away from the Coliseum Arena.

Leslie and Adragna paid off on $8977.52 with 4905 paid customers being admitted. Adragna during 1946 boxed exclusively for Promoter Heard Ragas.

Adragna took a terrific beating. Jock had Mimmie's nose and eyes cut up at the finish and the body pounding Mimmie took was brutal.

It marked the first fistic card of the 1947 ring season which started off on the right foot. Phil Palestino defeated Johnny Levatino in the six-round semi-final. It marked Levatino's second loss in a local ring. Al Guidry laced George Taix in a five-rounder. Dick Borja won from Johnny Longo in five sessions. Ted Garcia, Houston, Tex., decisioned Joe Cook, Jr., in a hairline four-rounder.

Messina staged his second fistic card on February 3 at the Coliseum Arena. He used three local boys, Pat Donahue, Nick Guagliardo and "Irish" Billy Ryan with Tony Elizondo, Corpus Christi, Tex., being the only new face.

Ryan and Guagliardo engaged in a gruelling ten-round battle. Ryan eked out a picture finish decision over Guagliardo. It was a ding-dong battle in which both fighters were on the floor for nine-counts. Ryan is managed by Cosby Linson, former Southern welterweight king. Guagliardo by Jack Russo, who discovered Linson and who is associated with Dominick Gullotta in the management of Nick.

Another fine turnout of 3180 fans who paid a net gate of $4779.65 proves that professional boxing in New Orleans is in a healthy condition.

The other ten-round bout ended in a surprise knockout to the followers of hard-hitting Pat Donahue, 23-year-old shipfitter, who had won 20 of his 22 ring starts. Elizondo, built like a heavyweight, stopped the Irishman in the fourth round with a smashing right-hand wallop.

Vic Mariano, New Orleans, outpointed Elizondo's stablemate, Bill Wilson, in six rounds. Ted Garcia, Houston, Tex., battled to a hard five-round draw with Lawton DiSoso. Herbert Muller won a four-round decision over Morris Ogeron.

I made a special trip over to Beaumont, Tex., to witness my old pal, Lew Raymond's first show staged at the City Auditorium on January 14. Lew gave the Beaumont fans a dandy double windup in which Johnny Dabbs, up-and-coming young Beaumont, Tex., Irish welterweight, defeated Ben Evans, Oklahoma City, Okla., in a rousing ten-rounder.

"Wild" Bill McDowell, veteran Dallas, Tex., middleweight, won a ten-round decision over Allen McCorvey, Galveston, Tex. It was a great club fight and McCorvey made a big hit in his Beaumont debut.

Raymond is associated with Promoter Bill Plattsmier and George Zammith in the Beaumont promotions. In their second card on January 27, "Wild" Bill McDowell outpointed Tommy Charles, Beaumont, Tex., light-heavyweight, in ten action-packed rounds. Raymond can be contacted by managers at the LaSalle Hotel, Room 718, Beaumont, Tex.

Managers can contact Promoter Louis Messina at the Gypsy Tea Room, 1432 St. Ann Street, phone Ma. 8985, New Orleans, La. Messina stages white and Negro shows. Promoter Heard Ragas stages only white fights and can be addressed at the Coliseum Arena, Conti and N. Roman Streets, New Orleans, La.

The writer, Broadway Johnny Cox, is anxious to book unattached fighters. Write or wire me, De Soto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

MINNEAPOLIS AUDITORIUM — Jackie Graves, 128, Austin, Minn., knocked out Lefty LaChance, Lisbon, Maine, 130, in the third round before eight thousand fans and a gate of fifteen grand.

Graves knocked LaChance down repeatedly before finishing.

Dolph Quijano of El Paso, Texas, 179, made a big hit in knocking out Fred Ford, St. Paul, 196, in the second round.

Mel Brown, 162, St. Paul, won the decision over Dick Smith, 158, Oklahoma City, in six.

Jack Wortman, Amarilla, Texas, won by a technical K.O. over Dick Grant, Minneapolis, 190, in the second round when Grant suffered a fractured jaw. Ernie De France, Wichita, Kansas, 130, knocked out Do Durant, Minneapolis, 130, in the third.

Emmett Weller, who operates the Weller Gym in St. Paul, had over 30 entries in this year's Golden Gloves tournament.

Mike Tschida, well-to-do cafe owner, went to Portland, Oregon, and came back a fight manager. His protege is Buzz Haage from Portland, Oregon.

Dan Panko, McIntosh, boxing promoter in North Dakota, is planning a number of shows in Bismarck, McIntosh, Garrison and Fargo.

Don Buchan, boxing promoter from Spencer, Ia., is all smiles because his pride and joy, Claude Verner, a great little flyweight, is back from the service.

At the St. Paul Auditorium—Howard Bleyhl, 150, Madison, Minn., and Ramey McKnight, Milwaukee, Wisc., 157, staged another great fight before 5000 fans in a ten-round main event. Bleyhl won the decision but he was extended all the way.

In the semi windup Tim Dalton, Chicago, 136, won the decision over Booker Ellis, St. Paul, in five rounds. Glen Flanagan, St. Paul, 126, knocked out Clayton Johnson, Sioux City, Ia., 128, in the third. Flanagan is improving with every fight and looks like the best prospect around at the present time. Johnny McGrand, 158, Rochester, knocked out Doug Jordan, Chicago, 160, in the third. Roger Chard, 118, lost a decision to Do Durant, Minneapolis, 126, in four.

Pat Delaney, brother of Jimmy Delaney, a great lightweight 15 years ago, is a director of the Sports Enterprise, Inc., which staged the Golden Gloves in St. Paul this year. Pat operates a big tavern in St. Paul and all the old time greats make this their headquarters. Pat is there with the glad hand meeting everybody.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

EDDIE SMITH won by a K.O. in six rounds over Al Highers in the only pro show of the month. Little Eddie looked like a champ in this fight. Smith was away ahead until the K.O. Highers and Smith both weighed 147.

Irish Johnny Long of Rochester won his 20th straight fight by a K.O. over Jerry McGee of New York in three rounds. Johnny DeNero, 174, Rochester, won his third straight by a K.O. over Lonnie McCarthy, 176, of New York, in five rounds. This was a slam-bang bout, and the fans enjoyed it.

Nick Barone, 175, Syracuse, won by a T.K.O. over Al Mitchell, 171, Buffalo, in the sixth. Chet Vince, 153, Rome, N. Y., won an easy six-rounder over Freddy Patterson, 151, of Rochester, and Billy Foley, Western N. Y. Golden Gloves winner, fought his first pro fight and won by a T.K.O. over Don Aikens, 123, of Utica. Foley weighed 126.

At Binghamton, N. Y., Sonny Horne of Niles, Ohio, won a close 10 rounder over Eddie Lee of Amsterdam, N. Y.; Ted Murray, 145, of New York outpointed Rolley Horn, 153, of Niles, Ohio, in six; Joey Kushner, 132, Syracuse, outpointed Billy Root, 131, N. Y., in six; Hal Victory, Syracuse, outpointed Jimmy Allen in six; John Soncino, 130½, Valley Stream, L. I., outpointed Billy Hilliard, 131, Passaic, N. J., in four.

Following are the better amateur fights at the Elks' Club: Al Hurlbut, Rome, N. Y., won over Bernie DeSoya in five; Willie Giano, 140, Rochester, won over Oliver Phillips in five; Bob White, Angelo, N. Y., won over Bob Yaroboro, Rome, in two; Ralph Velenti, Rome, lost to Tom Viola, Newark, N. Y., in five; Sammy Snappier, Rochester, defeated Freeman Hurlbut in three; Dick Jurek, Buffalo, K.O.'ed Clunnie Thomas in one; Benny Andrewson, Newark, N. Y., K.O.'ed Jackie Corto, Buffalo, in two; James Barkley, Rochester, defeated Dave Felton, Buffalo, in three; Calvin Leigh, Rochester, defeated Vito Sforso, Cleveland, in five; John Kaufman, Rochester, won over Dick Jurek, Buffalo, in three; Jackie Keough, Cleveland, defeated Charley Banks, Buffalo, in five rounds.

Billy Foley, winner of the 126 pounds Western N. Y. Golden Gloves championship, won his first pro fight in Rochester and looked very good. Foley won by a T.K.O. over tough Don Aikens of Utica, N. Y.

Local fighters who are going good in and around the state are Eddie Smith, 147; Johnny Long, 145; Johnny DeNero, 174; LeRoy Smith, 165; Al Mitchell, 171; Jay Widener, 155; Johnny Rowe, 135; Billy Foley, 126; Harry Smith, 135; Calvin Leigh, 118.

Johnny Burba, matchmaker for the amateur fights, would like to hear from amateur fighters, trainers or managers. Burba may be reached at the Elks' Club, Rochester, N. Y.

Rocky Conti, former manager of fighters, is now running a newsstand in Rochester with his brother James, at the corner of Main and Clinton Streets. That's the place that fighters and sporting men get THE RING Magazine on the 15th of each month.

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PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS
By FRANK T. McQUAIDE, JR.

STEVE BELLOISE, clever New York middleweight, gave the local Ossie (Bulldog) Harris a boxing lesson at the Gardens on January 7, when they met in the ten-round feature attraction of a Rooney-McGinley Club presentation.

Although the decision was unanimous, Harris was far from disgraced. It was an interesting contest from start to finish and Belloise had to be on his toes constantly. Belloise weighed 158½; Harris, 163½.

Danny Rosati, middleweight stablemate of Belloise, from Newark, N. J., showed plenty of class in winning the unanimous decision over the local Georgie Clark in the eight-round semi-final. Danny Rosati weighed 157; Georgie Clark, 165.

In a six-rounder, Pete Spotti, 155, Cecil, Pa., was at his best in punching out a unanimous decision over Cab Calloway, 150, Pittsburgh. In a four rounder Art Swiden, 177, New Kensington, Pa., won by a T.K.O. over Jack Itzel, 186, Pittsburgh, in 1.49 of the third round. In this contest both boys made their professional debuts.

Mike Kaballa, 143, Allison, Pa., had to work hard to win the unanimous decision over Billy Squall, 146, Pittsburgh, in the four-round opener.

The paid attendance was 3246, the gross gate $11,295.70, the net $9693.60.

Willie Jenkins, clever local welterweight from nearby Homestead, Pa., takes a little time to warm up to the task at hand, but once he warms up, he generally makes short work of his opponents. Such was the case at the Aragon Gardens when Willie K.O.'ed Milton Bess of Indianapolis in the third round. For almost two rounds Willie was content to feel out Bess, one of the better welterweights from Indianapolis. Midway in the second, Jenkins let go with his sharp right cross that staggered Bess. Then a series of short lefts and rights weakened Bess considerably and he was glad to hear the bell that ended the second round. With the opening of round three, Jenkins' left hooks to the head and body and hard rights to the head in quick succession, dropped Bess for the count. Willie Jenkins weighed 150; Milton Bess 145.

The scheduled six-round semi-final provided plenty of action when young Jackie Eisenberger, 133, Pittsburgh, K.O.'ed the always dangerous Irish Ray Miller, 137, Ellwood City, Pa., in two minutes 42 seconds of the third round.

In the second round Eisenberger, one of the best local lightweight prospects in recent years, drove Miller through the ropes with a terrific right cross for a nine count.

Cab Calloway, 150, Pittsburgh, ran into unexpected difficulty in the person of Jessie Walker, 155, Pittsburgh. Calloway through his aggressiveness, copped the unanimous decision in six rounds.

Joe Shiry, 179, Pittsburgh, looked good punching out a unanimous decision over Willie James, 177, Pittsburgh, in a four-rounder.

Jimmy Enopia, 136, Hawaii, was staggered early by Butch Williams, 135, Pittsburgh, but recuperated miraculously to drop Williams for counts of two, four, and nine, before Referee Mike Hogan halted the contest awarding Enopia a T.K.O. after 2.52 of the first round.

At the Gardens: In the top spot on the scheduled three ten-round card, Juste Fontaine, lightweight, stopped Chester Rico of New York by a T.K.O. in 57 seconds of the third round.

After a mild first round Fontaine opened up in the second and cut Rico over the right eye. Boxing beautifully, jabbing and hooking with a sharp left hand, Juste kept the cut open, forcing Referee Ernie Sesto to halt the contest.

Juste Fontaine weighed 137; Rico, 135.

Tommy Yarosz, Monaca, Pa., T.K.O.'ed Irish Jimmy Nelson, light-heavyweight from Providence, R. I., in 52 seconds of the sixth.

Yarosz dropped Nelson five times for nine-counts, once in the second, twice in the fourth and twice in the sixth before the referee halted the contest.

Tommy Yarosz weighed 165; Irish Jimmy Nelson, 166.

In the third ten-rounder, Charley (Young) Zivic hammered out a unanimous decision over Jackie Armitage, New Kensington, Pa., avenging a split decision victory registered by Armitage in the same ring last November. Zivic dropped Armitage for a nine-count in the eighth round with a terrific left hook to the jaw.

Charley (Young) Zivic weighed 151; Armitage, 149.

Mike Kabala, 143, Allison, Pa., ended the fourteen-bout winning streak of Joey Yarosz, 145, Monaca, Pa., younger brother of Tommy, by a unanimous decision in six.

Nate Smith, 154, Pittsburgh, easily defeated Tommy Nichols, 155, New Kensington, Pa., in a unanimous decision in the four-round curtain raiser.

Bolten Ford, who hails from suburban Homestead, Pa., took a split decision from Irish Jimmy Sanders of Warren, Ohio, in the ten-round feature attraction at the Aragon Gardens.

In winning, Ford avenged a previous defeat he suffered at the hands of Sanders.

Ford, in his first ten-round main bout, finished strong, hurting the rough, game Sanders repeatedly in the closing rounds with a concentrated body attack.

Sanders was far from disgraced, having given a good account of himself in the early rounds.

Bolton Ford weighed 138; Irish Jimmy Sanders, 141.

The six-round semi-final saw Arbie Bowie, 135, Alliquippa, Pa., eke out a split decision over young Jackie Eisenberger, 132, Pittsburgh.

Ben Skelton, 166, Pittsburgh, kayoed Red Binyard, 169, Wheeling, W. Va., in 50 seconds of the first with a terrific right-hand attack.

Joe Sharpe, 134, Pittsburgh, dropped Jackie Watkins, 133, Homestead, twice for nine-counts in the first round before Referee Tarzan McGivern halted the contest. The time was 2 min. of round one. Watkins was suffering from a badly swollen right eye.

Bobby Neal, 147, Beaver Falls, Pa., proved too tough for Bobby Lyons, 148, Pittsburgh. Referee McGivern halted the contest in 2:25 of the third.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING AROUND—The Hudson Sporting Club is taking over Joe Jennette's old gym in Union City with Duke Stefano, Jimmy Colotto and Nickie Laico in charge.

Teddy DiGammio, former Golden Glove champ, is doing well since his return from service.

The best prospect of the month, Walter Jordan, hard-socking Greenwood Lake lightweight, and Teddy DiGammio, Union City's punching welterweight.

Results for the month—Frank Paula's Jersey Gardens, January 7: Patsy Berandino, 144, Toronto, Canada, scored a big upset by outslugging Joe Lucigano, 146½, Hoboken, in ten. It was Joe's first loss since he turned pro. Bernie Reynolds, 178, Cliffside Park, K.O.'ed Johnny Wappi, 184, Brooklyn, in one. Walter Jordan, 133, K.O.'ed Joe Miles, 129, in 1:31 of one. Kid Roscoe, 203½, Jersey City, drew with Mike Jacobs, 177, Jersey City, in four. Sal Puzzo, 128, Clifton, outpointed Tommy King, 126, Newark, in four.

Jerry Fiorello, 156, Brooklyn, evened the score with Billy Cooper, 162, Paterson, by outpointing him in ten.

Johnny Derby, 140, Paterson, K.O.'ed Tony Devesto, 141½, Bronx, in 2:26 of one. Kid Roscoe, 200, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Norman Wright, 195, Newark, in 1:46 of three. Horace Bailey, 1:54, New York City, outpointed George (Buster) Smith, 158, Jersey City, in six. Billy Miller, 137, Bronx, K.O.'ed Pete Gambatise, 139, Paterson southpaw, in 0:3 of one. Jack Griffin, 153, Jersey City, outpointed Jimmy Demetros, 146, Brooklyn, in four.

Dom Amaroso, 135½, rallied in the last four rounds to overcome two knockdowns and outpointed Eddie White, 135½, in eight. Both boys are from Jersey City. Bernie Reynolds, 179, Cliffside Park, K.O.'ed George Haywood, 182, New York City, in 1:45 of three. Ernie DuRando, 150, Bayonne, K.O.'ed Eddie Brown, 145, New York City, in 2:59 of two. Horace Bailey, 153, New York City, outpointed Charlie Howard, 147, Pittsburgh, in six. Walter Jordan, 135, Greenwood Lake, K.O.'ed Johnny Nicholson, 133, Brooklyn, in 2:04 of two.

Ken Shaw, 193, Dundee, Scotland, heavyweight, made his American debut by winning a hard-fought verdict over Willie Hayes, 184, North Bergen, in ten. Pedro Cobe, 155, Puerto Rico, upset Lou Angelo, 159, Bayonne, in eight. Kid Roscoe, 199, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Eddie Davis, 192, South Carolina, in 2:31 of three. Tommy Baker, 127, Ridgefield, K.O.'ed Lew Langley, 126, New York City, in 2:04 of two. Robert (Rusty) Fehl, 145, Bayonne, K.O.'ed Joe Stacey, 143, Brooklyn, in 1:54 of two.

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IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

PROFESSIONAL boxing in Tacoma has been resumed after five months of darkness. Promoter Raleigh Sliger presented his first venture, January 16th, pairing off Kenny Lindsay, of Vancouver, B. C., and Joey Clemo, of Portland, Oregon, in the ten-round main event. This bantamweight tussle ended in a draw and showed before a packed house.

The talk of the town in Tacoma's fistic colony at the moment is Bill Little. This boy is six feet five in height and weighs 230 pounds. He won his first professional start on the January 16th show by a knockout in 27 seconds of the first round over Gordon White, of Kirkland, Wash., 210.

Kenny Lindsay, the Canadian bantamweight champion, went through some limbering up work in the Amundsen training quarters before a large crowd and was well received by the Tacoma railbirds. Arnold Bertram, Lindsay's manager, is a dapper and smart young fellow in the business of biff.

Whitey Domstead, former all-navy heavyweight champion, and Harry Ketchell, former Tacoma popular featherweight fighter, are doing the referee end of things again in Tacoma. These fellows rate tops here.

In a few months Dick Ross, Tacoma's 19-year-old heavyweight, expects to be discharged from the Navy and he will get back into swing in local boxing.

Paulie Cook, Tacoma's heavy-handed 126-pounder, is training hard in the Amundsen gymnasium. Cook is the only fighter who holds a knockout win over Joey Clemo, of Portland. Clemo recently went to a draw with Kenny Lindsay. Paulie also knocked out Freddie Steele, of Vancouver, B. C., in two rounds. Steele boxed a ten-round draw with Joey Dolan, on a Vancouver fight show a short while back.

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CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

CLAYT BAILEY, who has headed the Columbus Boxing and Wrestling Commission for several years, was again appointed by Mayor Jim Rhodes to take charge for the next three years.

Oop Williams, who was one of the outstanding welterweights in this part of the country, has been discharged from the army and will return to boxing.

At Chris Christoulus' East Liverpool show Tod Doughty, Columbus lightweight, stopped Henry Jordan in the second heat. Sammy Watson, Columbus, lost to Sammy Rosin, and Billy Cain, Columbus, won over Harry Myers, all in three rounders.

The writer received a letter from Joe Basco, Jr., of Barberton, Ohio, who is in Johannesburg, South Africa, with some fighters of his father's stable.

Charlie Baxter, Cincinnati, Ohio, ran into a tartar when he met Bobby McQuillard of Detroit at Detroit. Baxter was stopped in the first heat. The show was staged at the Garden by Walter Sharp.

Joe Sekra, a former leading heavyweight, has moved from his home in Dayton, Ohio, to California.

Stickey Stoker, who at one time handled some of the leading fighters in Ohio, is convalescing after being in the Dayton Veterans' Hospital for several weeks. Stoker had a liver ailment.

The veterans' organization at Chilicothe, Ohio, after sponsoring two pro shows with heavy losses, decided to give it up.

Wrestlers wanting work in and around Ohio should contact Al Haft at 165 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio. Haft has about ten spots which are going good and topnotch wrestlers can get plenty of work.

Lee Q. Murray, Norwalk hard-hitting heavyweight, stopped Colon Chaney of Indianapolis in the second round at Dayton. Johnny Ross, Dayton heavyweight, got the nod over Buddy Thomas of Indianapolis in eight rounds.

In one of the best fights of the season the Deutsch-Pogue Boxing Club, Inc., with Jack Sheppard as matchmaker, gave the fans a real knock-down-drag-out scrap at Huntington, W. Va., on January 13. Willie Russell, the Buckeye buzz bomb, defeated Sparkey Reynolds who had six pounds on the winner.

The six-rounder semi-final between Buster Miles and Mutt Schwartz ended in favor of Miles. In another six, Jackie Taylor, Columbus, 130, iced Chet Buckman of New Orleans in two. The Dover Dago lost a close one in six to Charlie Cox of Huntington. They are welters.

The Quality Club at Columbus topped Harry Hart, the junior lightweight champion of Ohio, and Talmadge Buzzy of Detroit, Mich. This was a great fight for eight rounds with both men trying for a K.O. with every punch. Hart gained the verdict. In another fight Irish Pat Richards, Cleveland heavyweight, who is making his home in Columbus, stopped Jack Groff, Detroit, in the first round.

In a rematch between Dan Pinto, a local Italian, and Homer-the-Hammer from Lancaster, middleweights, both boys were on the carpet several times until Pinto was knocked out in the third.

Tony Lazaro, a free-swinging Italian from Detroit, was given the decision over Freddie Tibbs of Columbus in four fast rounds.

The writer has three good heavyweights who are ready for action—Ted Woodward, Bob Clark and Irish Pat Richards. Promoters contact the writer for these boys.

Battling Swartz, a former featherweight fighter in Columbus, has charge of several good fighters who are training for the Golden Gloves.

Rex Reese and co-promoters at Mansfield, Ohio, gave the fight fans a good scrap when they topped Joe Brown, Mansfield middleweight, and Edy Elton, Akron's hard-hitter, with Elton stopping Brown in the sixth round. Dick Alexander, Mansfield welter, copped the duke over Johnny Bryan of Massilon, O., in six fast rounds. Gale Frey, Mansfield, stopped Wally Barkley, Massilon, O., in two. Jimmy Davis, Canton, O., put the skids under Roger Rucker, Mansfield, O., light-heavy, in two heats.

Chuck Wiggins, no relation to the Indianapolis heavyweight, and Johnny Streater, Canton, fought a real fight. The former fighting his first fight, finished Streater off in the third.

Bobby McQuillard, Detroit favorite, was given an unpopular decision over Ace Miller of Toledo at Detroit.

Dave Marsh jumped back into the Junior lightweight championship of Ohio by turning in a win over Sammy Birch of Cincinnati in eight rounds. This was the second meeting of the two little scrappers with the first one going to Birch by a decision. Eddie Elton, Akron middleweight, went to a fast draw with Bobby Berry of Cleveland. It was a dandy fight. Also was eight rounds. Bill Grier, Detroit, outpointed Johnny Lawer, Cleveland's middleweight. Bill Partin, Akron welterweight, won over Mel Reed, also of Akron, in six. Cappy Benton, Cincinnati, stopped Bob LaLonde, Detroit, in the second.

Chris Christoulus, the promoter at Chester, W. Va., had a good crowd at his second show, in which Willie Gunboat Davis, Columbus, O., heavyweight, beat Norman Fitch, Newell, W. Va., in five rounds.

Tommy Jones, Columbus, lost to Patsy Rossi in five, and Jimmy Watson, Columbus welter, won in five over Earl Brooks, East Liverpool welter. The latter two bouts were welterweights.

Cliff Becket, Ontario middleweight, lost a close ten-rounder to Billy Parsons of Chicago at Dayton.

Dee Mantia, the Dayton, Ohio, promoter, gave the fight fans a rip-roaring ten-round bout between Edy Miller, Dayton middleweight, and Bobby Britton, Miami belter, with Miller winning. The semi-final was a Donnybrook between Jackie Taylor, Columbus, 133, and George Weaver, Cincinnati, O., lightweight, with Taylor scoring a kayo in three.

Sam Green, matchmaker for the Toledo Boxing Club, gave the fans five red-hot bouts on January 31. Jimmy McClellan, a fast, hard-hitting little Negro featherweight, beat the little Mexican, Eduardo Serratos, in ten heats in a great scrap. Willie Anderson pounded out a decision in eight rounds over Carlos Manzano, Mexico City. Perry Mason, Toledo middleweight, won via the K.O. route over Al Sayers, Chester, W. Va., in four heats.

AKRON, OHIO, BOXING

By TOMMY MAXWELL

AKRON came up with four shows during the month of January, two by each club, and with each club introducing some crack youngsters out of the fine amateur ranks of the city. Outstanding among these boys was the sensational Grady Welch, one of the fastest and hardest punching heavies to be turned loose in many a day.

Other pro starters who looked great were Billy Partin, Lou Barry and Mel Reed. The last named are game welterweights, rough and plenty tough.

The first show of the month, promoted by Walter Moore, featured Dave Marsh and Sammy Burch of Cincinnati, O., and Eddie Elton against Bobby Berry of Cleveland, O. Marsh was too good for Burch, who had defeated him a few weeks before Marsh gained a unanimous decision. The Elton-Berry battle was one of the greatest slugfests seen here in a long time with the fans divided as to the winners as well as the judges, who declared the bout a draw. In another eight, Bill Grier outpointed Johnny Lawer in a rip-roaring joust. In fives, Billy Partin duplicated the Berry-Elton bout with [illegible] ing the decision, and Cappy Ben[illegible] stop[illegible] by LaLonde in the second round. The gate receipts were $2799.50 gross.

Bob Heath's first show of the month featured Sammy Baroudi, Akron's classy middleweight, against Buddy Farrell of New York, with Baroudi knocking Buddy out in the tenth round. Baroudi is fast nearing the top among the 160-pounders of the country.

In the semi-final, Henry Jones edged out a narrow margin win over Charlie Roth, Akron heavy, in eight rounds. The five-rounders produced some great action. In the top preliminary, Grady Welch stole the show with a great knockout win over Chet Eshmont, rugged and willing Canton, O., heavy in two action-packed rounds. In two other great bouts, Johnny Chatman eased out a win over good Leroy Koeth, Cleveland lightie, and Moe Harvey outpointed Willie Siviio of Cleveland.

In Moore's next show, the clever hard-hitting Leo Garrett walked off with Moore's championship belt by decisioning Harry Hart of Columbus, O., in a very fine bout. It was close all the way, but Garrett was a little sharper than Hart and deserved the win. In the semi-final, Dave Marsh, priming for a shot at Garrett and the belt, carried off the decision over Johnny Varcy. Eddie Elton ran into something like Marsh had to contend with in A. C. Rogers, lanky, smart Detroiter. Rogers had little power in his blows, but kept moving away and sticking a tantalizing left into Eddie's face. Eddie chased him all over the ring but seldom caught up to him. In a wild slugfest, Frankie Muche of Niles defeated Jackie Taylor of Columbus. Lou Barry making his pro debut scored over Billy Partin in a slam-bang affair.

Bob Heath's last show featured three eights, in which the most interest was centered on the all-Akron heavyweight contest, in which the sensational youngster, Grady Welch, took a long step forward when he scored a clean knockout over veteran Charlie Roth. Welch had Roth down for a nine-count from a terrific left hook to the midsection about half through the first round. Roth, 184, gained his feet, but Welch, 178, was on him like a tiger and knocked him out with a right to the jaw in 2:45 of the first round. In a great eight-rounder the classy Jimmy Sanders won a disputed decision over Johnny Chatman. In the other eight "Irish" Mickey Doyle won by a K.O. over Johnny Taylor, Negro middleweight from Augusta, Ga., in one round. Chet Martin sustained a bad cut over his eye and lost to Sam Schapianni by a T.K.O. in three rounds. Ted Nichols, Dayton heavy, edged Art Boykins of nearby Kent, O., in a fast, big-man battle. The receipts were $3269 gross.

At Niles, Ohio, Jack Thompson, one of Ohio's best fight managers, turned promoter with great success. His only failure was not having enough room to handle a turn-away crowd. In the feature, Jimmy Sanders of Niles, a great little fighting machine, iced Art Kimmel of Pittsburgh, Pa., in the eighth round. In the prelims, the boys really battled, all bouts ending in K.O.'s, with Joe Kesele over Gene Brinks, Sonny Jordan over Jimmy Pascal and Don Saurd over Tod Voshell.

It was Sanders' twelfth pro battle and his twelfth win.

At Canton, O., Tom O'Niel, new promoter, offered a double wind-up of two ten-rounders featuring Vince Turpin and Harold Faulkner and Murray "Sugar" Cain and Cliff Barkley. Turpin got the nod over Faulkner in ten and Cain put the damper on Barkley in five rounds.

In the prelims Jimmy Robinson of Kentucky won over Howard Umbles, and Chet Eshmont defeated Gil Scott of Steubenville, O. In the opener Eddie Bell defeated Jimmy Campbell, also of Steubenville, O.

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